

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

Friday (STM School Mass) Saturday

Sunday

8:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 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

Maggie Briseño - Coordinator
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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 10:00 a.m. (Spainsh)
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

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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 19

in English & Spanish for children in grades 1 through 12. Please call the Rectory for more information.

PARISH OFFICE STAFF

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4411 Moana Drive San Antonio, Texas 78218

OFFICE HOURS Monday-Friday 8:30 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.

CLOSED FOR LUNCH 12:00 P.M. TO 1:00 P.M. 1:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

<u>CONTACT US</u> 210.655.5070 (Office) **EMAIL** STMPARISH@LIVE.COM WEBŜĨTE: THOMASMORESATX.ORG

Gospel Meditation:

The famous 20th century St. Padre Pio said once that he would wait outside the gates of heaven until the people in his life had entered. I'm not sure that I, or frankly many people I know, would say that and mean it. Yet that is precisely the kind of attitude we see in Jesus as he prays for us in the Gospel today. Having celebrated the Ascension of the Lord iust a few days ago, we now hear the Son of God at the Last Supper pray to his Father "that they may be brought to perfection as one" (John 17:23). What does this mean for us?

I'd wager that we are not surprised that Jesus wants to make us perfect — that is, happy, whole, and healed. The shocker is that he desires this for us collectively and not just individually. Perfection is a team sport. We need each other to be perfect. Jesus is like a mother longing for her adult children to learn how to be in loving support of one another. He wants the perfection of his disciples to be not some individualistic plan of moral uprightness, but a loving communion of brothers and sisters.

Let's apply this practically. Do I see my participation at Mass as something I do merely for my own peace and edification, or as something I do with and for the people around me? Do I see my ongoing need for forgiveness as something that simply makes me feel better, or as a task that heals those around me, too? Is my dearest hope to individually get to heaven when I die, or is it to be part of the great procession of souls, together marching towards the heavenly Jerusalem? Do I want to be in heaven with people I currently find difficult? How would my life change if I did?

— Father John Muir

Meditación del Evangelio:

El famoso San Padre Pío del siglo XX dijo una vez que esperaría fuera de las puertas del cielo hasta que las personas en su vida hubieran entrado. No estoy seguro de que yo, o francamente muchas personas que conozco, diríamos eso y lo diríamos en serio. Sin embargo, ese es precisamente el tipo de actitud que vemos en Jesús cuando ora por nosotros en el Evangelio de hoy. Después de haber celebrado la Ascensión del Señor hace solo unos días, ahora escuchamos al Hijo de Dios en la Última Cena orar a su Padre "para que sean llevados a la perfección como uno" (Juan 17:23). ¿Qué significa esto para nosotros?

Apuesto a que no nos sorprende que Jesús quiera hacernos perfectos, es decir, felices, completos y sanados. Lo sorprendente es que él desea esto para nosotros colectivamente y no solo individualmente. La perfección es un deporte de equipo. Nos necesitamos los unos a los otros para ser perfectos. Jesús es como una madre que anhela que sus hijos adultos aprendan a apoyarse amorosamente unos a otros. Quiere que la perfección de sus discípulos no sea un plan individualista de rectitud moral, sino una comunión amorosa de hermanos y hermanas.

Apliquemos esto de manera práctica. ¿Veo mi participación en la Misa como algo que hago simplemente por mi propia paz y edificación, o como algo que hago con y para las personas que me rodean? ¿Veo mi continua necesidad de perdón como algo que simplemente me hace sentir mejor, o como una tarea que también sana a los que me rodean? ¿Es mi más querida esperanza de llegar individualmente al cielo cuando yo muera, o es ser parte de la gran procesión de almas, marchando juntas hacia la Jerusalén celestial? ¿Quiero estar en el cielo con personas que actualmente me resultan difíciles? ¿Cómo cambiaría mi vida si lo hiciera?

— Padre John Muir

YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

May 25, 2025

Sunday Collection\$	6,327.93
Solemnity of Mary\$	2.00
Vigil Candles\$	147.40
Fathers Day Novena\$	255.00
Mass Intentions\$	70.00
Easter Candle\$	600.00

Second Collection June 7 - 8: No Second Collection Next Week



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

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First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion – A child normally makes their First Reconciliation and receives their First Holy Communion in the 2^{nd} or 3^{rd} grade but the same routine applies for persons through 9^{th} or 10^{th} grade. (Preparation for older youths and adults will be addressed under the OCIA)

First and foremost... a person must be baptized in order to receive these or any other subsequent sacraments. You must provide us (STM Religious-Ed program) with a copy of their Baptism Certificate. That being said... there is a 2-year preparation / training period required prior to receiving their First Holy Communion.

The individual must know / understand *what* and more importantly *who* they are receiving in the Eucharist. If attending a Catholic School, preparation takes place during their religion classes. If attending a public school, the child must attend a parish religious-education program.

Our religious-ed program begins in August each year and usually runs through April/May.

If the child registers late (on/after January 1st) and / or misses half or more of the sessions they will be required to attend a 'catch-up' summer program in order to receive their First Holy Communion on schedule.

Parents are expected / *required* to attend several group meetings and to actively participate in their child's sacramental preparation.

- The final step in preparing to receive their First Holy Communion is participating in the Sacrament of Reconciliation
- (Confession).

Parents... please... please... do not come to the office and say 'my child will be celebrating their quinceañera in a few months and needs to make their first communion before then.' It isn't going to happen! Reconciliation and the Eucharist are serious sacraments! They provide us with a share in God's life and kingdom... they prepare us for our own eternal life... they are not party favors.

Need more information? Call the Parish Office, talk to Fr Ed or any of your deacons. Next week we'll look at *Confirmation*.

'till then... God Bless- DT

Holy Hour 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.



<u>la Hora Santa</u> 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.



Save the Date

For an **Afternoon Tea**

Hosted by

The Catholic Daughter's Sunday, June 29, 2025

---Details soon to follow----



*** ALMOST THERE ***!!!

2025 Archbishop's Appeal for Ministries

Pledge Update - as of May 23, 2025

Parish Goal: \$ 18,863 Nbr Donors: 67

Gifts & Pledges: \$ 18,350

Collected: \$ 16,110
Outstanding: \$ 2,240

Percent of Goal: 97%

<u> Archbishop's Appeal for Ministries</u>

(It's not too late to give...)

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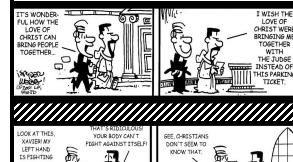
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"Be the change you wish to see in the world and light up the darkness."



Question: Why do we need to go to Mass every Sunday?

Answer: The heart of the Church's instruction that we are to attend Mass on Sundays goes back to the Third Commandment: "Take care to keep holy the sabbath day as the LORD, your God, has commanded you" (Deuteronomy 5:12). Although the Jewish People celebrate the Sabbath on Saturday, the first generations of Christians began to observe the sabbath on Sunday, recognizing how important it is to celebrate the day that Jesus rose from the dead. As the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults observes, "Sunday extends the celebration of Easter throughout the year ... It makes present the new creation brought about by Christ" (364).

The focus of our Sunday should be the celebration of the Eucharist in the Mass. This is our time to be formed by God's Word and nourished at the table of the Lord, becoming prepared to live out and share our faith in the week that follows. In his encyclical, Dies Domini, Pope Saint John Paul II reminded us that Christians "cannot live their faith or share fully in the life of the Christian community unless they take part regularly in the Sunday Eucharistic assembly" (no. 81). This is why the Church teaches us that Sunday Mass is a non-negotiable part of being a Christian (see Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2192).

Beyond being a time of worship, we should also remember that Sunday is intended to be a day of rest, when we make time for recreation, for sharing meals, and enjoying the company of friends and family. Sunday is given to as a day to take stock of and enjoy the blessings that God has given us (see Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2187). Pope Francis reminded us, "The day of rest, centered on the Eucharist, sheds its light on the whole week, and motivates us to greater concern for nature and the poor" (Laudato Si', no. 237).

Our Vacation Bible School starts soon! And... we are still looking for *teachers* and *teen volunteers* to help with this year's program.

No experience necessary! Email Becki Lacayo if you interested: Becki.Lacayo@gmail.com

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Sunday, June 1, 2025 10:00 am KC Mass - *Church*

Monday, June 2, 2024

1:00 pm Sports Camp - Carolan Hall

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

Tuesday, June 3, 2024

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

1:00 pm Sports Camp - Carolan Hall
5:30 pm Divine Mercy - Rectory Mtg Room-1
7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion Choir Practice - Church

Coro Alegria Choir Practice - Rectory Mtg Room-1

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

8:00 am School Purse Bingo Set-up - Carolan Hall

1:00 pm Sports Camp - Carolan Hall

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

Thursday, June 5, 2025

8:00 am School Purse Bingo Set-up - Carolan Hall

1:00 pm Sports Camp - Carolan Hall

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

Friday, June 6, 2025

8:00 am School Purse Bingo Set-up - Carolan Hall

9:00 am Friday Adoration - Church

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

Saturday, June 7, 2025

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

Sunday, June 8, 2025



Lecturas de la Semana del 2 - 8 junio

Lunes: Hch 19:1-8; Sal 67:2-7; Jn 16:29-33

Martes: Hch 20:17-27; Sal 67:10-11,20-21; Jn 17:1-11 **Miércoles**: Hch 20:28-38; Sal 67:29-30,33-36; Jn 17:11-19

Jueves: Hch 22:30; 23:6-11; Sal 15:1-2,5,7-11;

Jn 17:20-26

Viernes: Hch 25:13-21; Sal 102:1-2,11-12,19-20; Jn 21:15-19 **Sábado**: *Mañana*: Hch 28:16-20,30-31; Sal 10:4,5,7; Jn 21:20-25 **Domingo** - *Vigilia*: Gn 11:1-9; Sal 103:1-2,24,35,27-30;

(*Pentecostes*) Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39 Domingo - *Día*: Hch 2:1-11; Sal 103:1,24,29-31,34;

1Cor 12:3-7,12-13; Jn 20:19-23

Readings for the week of June 2 - 8

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-7; Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11,20-21; Jn 17:1-11 **Wednesday**: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30,33-36; Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a,5,7-11;

Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2,11-12,19-20; Jn 21:15-19 **Saturday**: *Morning*: Acts 28:16-20,30-31; Ps 11:4,5,7; Jn 21:20-25 **Sunday** - *Vigit*: Gn 11:1-9; Ps 104:1-2,24,35,27-30; Rom 8:22-27;

(Pentecost) Jn 7:37-39

Sunday - Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1,24,29-31,34;

1Cor 12:3b-7,12-13; Jn 20:19-23

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 31, 2025 - The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 5:00 pm In Thanksgiving for Richard & Dorothy Perez

Sunday, 8:00 am thin the Lord the Lord

†Medardo E & Evangelina G. Morales by Morales/Briseno Families †John Evancho by Evancho Family by Maria Angeles Martinez

†James E. Bingham by Family 12:00 pm **STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased

Monday, June 2, 2024 - Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs

8:00 am †Edward Ramirez by Ana Villalobos

Tuesday, 8:00 am Special Intention for Jesus y Alacali Alacala

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

8:00 am Special Intention for Enrique Alacala

Thursday, June 5, 2025 - St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr 8:00 am Special Intention for Levi Gonzales Friday, June 6, 2025 - St. Norbert, Bishop

8:00 am In thanksgiving for Marisol Guerra by Deacon Rolando & Martha

Saturday, June 7, 2025 8:00 am Rebekah Garcia

8:00 am Rebekah Garcia by Family 5:00 pm †Benito Mendoza by Mendoza Family

Sunday, June 8, 2025 - Pentecost Sunday

8:00 am STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased

10:00 am †Juan & Mike Urbano by Urbano Family †Lillian Polanco Vasquez by Martha Arredondo

†Veronica ramirez Candelara by Family

†Salome H. & Carolina B. Briseno bý Moralés / Briseno Families †Edward & Diana Ramirez by Family

†Catarina Rosas by Rosas Family
†Jorge Ortega Camacho by Family
†Orozco Familia by Elida Cisneros
†Mraia V. Ward by Family

†eli Waker by Hernandez Family



12:00 pm

Sanctuary Light Intention:

Ramon Mata, Jr

(5/31—6/30)

<u>Liturgical Roles</u>

Saturday, June 7, 2025

5:00 pm Altar Servers - Volunteers

Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, T.Guerrero, C.Lange,

E.Guerrero, R.Alvarado

Lector - R.Alvarado

Sunday, June 8, 2025

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

Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, T.Garza, P.Klar,

R.Saldiva, R.Davila

Lector - Y.Cione

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

Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, Sr.Eucharia, A.Fuentes, L.Gifford, A.Garza, V.Smith, M.Briseno

Lector - M.Briseno

12 pm Altar Servers - S.Obregon, A.Gomez, M.Gonzalez

Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, C.Hernandez,

M.Pina, F.Hernandez, A.Chavez, D.Llanas, R.Gomez

Lector - A.Chavez / M.Cisneros



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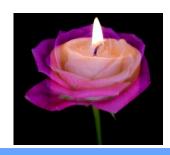


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of Joe Canales On behalf of The Canales Family



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



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