

**Fourth Sunday
in Lent
March 30, 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."

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Maggie Briseño - Coordinator
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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.

PARISH OFFICE STAFF

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**4411 Moana Drive
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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.**

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Gospel Meditation:

A man looking a bit downtrodden approached me as I filled my car's gas tank.

He asked, "May I share with you my testimony about how good God is?" "OK," I skeptically answered.

He went on to tell me that he had been an alcoholic and drug addict, and that God had healed him; now he was four years sober. He said, "I didn't deserve it, but now I'm a different person. God is so good! Have a terrific Tuesday!"

A few minutes later, as I drove away, I saw him smiling and handing a homeless person some money.

I was confronted with a choice: either he was a total fraud or God had changed him. Something had happened to him, and it didn't seem fake. Maybe it was God.

When Jesus heals the man born blind, the man becomes a challenge to everyone who meets him. They must decide. Is he the same blind person who they knew before? Who healed him and how? And what is the status of the one who can heal such infirmities? We shouldn't be surprised at the storm of doubt, hatred and animosity that swirls around the healed man — so it often goes when Jesus heals someone even to this day.

Like we often do, the religious leaders confronting the healed man declare that God is not at work. They ask with mocking superiority and dismissive disdain, "You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" (John 9:34).

And they cast him out. When Jesus clearly works in our lives, in us or around us, we should accept it, and give praise and thanks for this wonderful manifestation of his goodness.

Lenten challenge: Think of one way the Lord has healed you. Perhaps he healed a form of selfishness, a physical ailment, or something else. This week, find a person to whom you can share that testimony, and share it. Don't worry if they don't accept it was God who did it.

— Father John Muir

Meditación del Evangelio:

Un hombre que parecía un poco oprimido se acercó a mí mientras llenaba el tanque de gasolina de mi auto.

Él preguntó: "¿Puedo compartir con ustedes mi testimonio acerca de lo bueno que es Dios?" "Está bien", respondí con escepticismo. Continuó diciéndome que había sido alcohólico y drogadicto, y que Dios lo había sanado;

Ahora llevaba cuatro años sobrio. Dijo: "No me lo merecía, pero ahora soy una persona diferente. ¡Dios es tan bueno!

¡Que tengas un buen martes!". Unos minutos más tarde, mientras me alejaba, lo vi sonriendo y entregándole algo de dinero a una persona sin hogar. Me enfrenté a una elección: o era un fraude total o Dios lo había cambiado. Algo le había sucedido y no parecía falso. Tal vez fue Dios.

Cuando Jesús sana al hombre ciego de nacimiento, el hombre se convierte en un desafío para todos los que se encuentran con él. Ellos deben decidir. ¿Es la misma persona ciega que conocían antes? ¿Quién lo sanó y cómo? ¿Y cuál es el estatus de aquel que puede sanar tales enfermedades? No debemos sorprendernos por la tormenta de dudas, odio y animosidad que se arremolina alrededor del hombre sanado, por lo que a menudo sucede cuando Jesús sana a alguien, incluso hasta el día de hoy.

Como lo hacemos a menudo, los líderes religiosos que confrontan al hombre sanado declaran que Dios no está obrando. Preguntan con burlona superioridad y desdén desdeñoso: "Naciste totalmente en pecado, ¿y estás tratando de enseñarnos (Juan 9:34). Y lo echaron fuera. Cuando Jesús obra claramente en nuestras vidas, en nosotros o a nuestro alrededor, debemos aceptarlo, y alabar y dar gracias por esta maravillosa manifestación de su bondad.

Desafío de la Cuaresma: Piensa en una forma en que el Señor te ha sanado. Tal vez sanó una forma de egoísmo, una dolencia física o algo más. Esta semana, busca a una persona con quien puedas compartir ese testimonio, y compártelo. No te preocupes si no aceptan que fue Dios quien lo hizo.

— Father John Muir

YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

March 23, 2025

Sunday Collection	\$ 5,779.33
Vigil Candles.....	\$ 100.75
Holy Thursday Prayer Candles.....	\$ 330.00
Mass Intentions.....	\$ 160.00
Giving Tree Doations.....	\$ 660.00
STM School.....	\$ 905.00
Easter Flowers.....	\$ 95.00

**Second Collection April 5 - 6:
No Second Collection Next Week**



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

April 27, 2025

Divine Mercy Sunday

25th Anniversary!
The Greatest Day of Grace

Plus --

Canonization of
Carlo Acutis

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Saint

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Jubilee of Youth

Ready for Incredible Graces?

"On that day ALL the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened."

Jesús to St. Faustina

**The Divine Mercy is not just a devotion...
*It is a Way of Life!!***

It's not just a "*Catholic Thing*"... it's for **EVERYONE**... and, we are all called to assist in its proliferation.

Yes, we pray the Chaplet for the dying. We have Jesus' assurances that when we do this He will be there at the moment of death...

NOT as judge but as Merciful Savior.

In addition to praying for the dying, Jesus tells us that we may pray for **ANYTHING!** And that we will obtain everything, if what we ask for is compatible with His will. He tells us that He will grant great graces to souls who say this chaplet. And, He promises that those who say this chaplet will be embraced by His mercy during their lifetime and he will defend them as His own at the hour of their death... or others when the chaplet is prayed for them.

The ABC's of mercy call us to Ask for God's mercy, **Be** merciful to others, and **Completely trust** in His mercy. In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus tells us, "Be Merciful, just as your Father is merciful." (6:36)
As He is merciful to us, we are to be merciful to others.

The spiritual works of mercy include: admonishing sinners, instructing the uninformed, comforting the sorrowful, being patient with those in error, forgiving offenses, and praying for the living and the dead.

The corporal works include: feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, clothing the naked, sheltering the homeless, comforting the imprisoned, visiting the sick, and burying the dead.

Trust is the hallmark of those living the message of Divine Mercy.
Trust is faith in action.

TRUST- T-Total R-Reliance U-Upon S-Saving T-TRUTH,
which is Jesus Christ.

Divine Mercy Groups:

English: Tuesdays @ 5:30 pm - Rectory Mtg Room
Spanish: Saturdays @ 3:30 pm - Rectory Mtg Room

Archbishop's Appeal for Ministries

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

Lenten Penance Opportunities

As we navigate this 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, April 4, from 3:30 - 5 pm

Fri, April 11, from 3:30 - 5 pm

Take advantage of this opportunity!

**Additional Penance Opportunities
in our surrounding area:**

Tues, Apr 1 - Our Lady of Grace 6:00 pm

Wed, Apr 2 - Blessed Sacrament 6:30 pm

St. Joan of Arc 6:30 pm

Thurs, Apr 10 - St. Monicas 6:30 pm

ATTENTION**Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

We are called to be signs of Hope for our brothers and sisters who experience a hardship in life. Serious illness and aging can be such a hardship.

Our **Homebound Ministry** can be a sign of hope to our homebound / confined parishioners by bringing the Eucharist to them. We become the face of Jesus... bringing the hope that *is* Jesus.

The *Homebound Eucharistic Minister* represents Church and manifests Faith, Hope, and Charity to those who cannot be present at our Eucharistic Celebration. Our home-bound / confined parishioners appreciate this ministry as they once again feel a part of 'our Faith community.'

Our ministers are a sign of Hope not only to our parishioners but to others who are confined.

Volunteers are needed for our **homebound ministry**. We need English, Spanish, and Bi-lingual Ministers!

Live as a Pilgrim of Hope... embark on a journey of faith and transformation by considering to become part of this Ministry.

Please, pray over this ministry
Your reward will be great.

If Interested / Si está interesado,
comuníquese con Deacon Rolando - rmmguerra67@gmail.com
or through the Parish Office / la Oficina Parroquial al: (210) 655-5070

ATENCIÓN**Ministros Extraordinarios de la Sagrada Comunión**

Estamos llamados a ser signos de esperanza para nuestros hermanos y hermanas que experimentan dificultades en la vida. Las enfermedades graves y el envejecimiento pueden ser muy difíciles.

Nuestro **Ministerio de Confinado en el Hogar** puede ser un signo de esperanza para nuestros feligreses confinados en casa / confinados al traer el Eucaristía a ellos.

Nos convertimos en el rostro de Jesús... trayendo la esperanza que *es* Jesús.

El *Ministro de la Eucaristía confinado en el hogar* representa a la Iglesia y manifiesta Fe, Esperanza y Caridad a aquellos que no pueden estar presentes en nuestra Celebración Eucarística.

Nuestros feligreses confinados en casa aprecian este ministerio, ya que una vez más se sienten parte de 'Nuestra comunidad de fe'.

Nuestros ministros son un signo de esperanza no solo para nuestros feligreses, sino a otros que están confinados.

Se necesitan voluntarios para nuestro **ministerio de confinamiento en casa**.

¡Necesitamos ministros ingleses, españoles y bilingües!

Vive como un peregrino de esperanza... embárcate en un camino de fe y transformación al considerar formar parte de este Ministerio.

Por favor, oren por este ministerio...
Tu recompensa será grande.

Holy Hour

Thursday,
April 3rd
6 pm

Hope to see you there

**la Hora Santa**

VIERNES
el 4 de abril
7 pm.

Espero verte allí

PRaise GOD!
SINCE I
FOUND THE
LORD, I'M
A NEW
CREATION!



2CoR 5:17-21

DON'T
LET THE
WRINKLES
FOOL
YOU!



1Pe 3:10-12
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2025 Lenten Liturgical Schedule**Stations of the Cross**

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

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Holy Week

Palm Sunday / April 12-13: Regular Schedule
Mon - Wed / April 14-16: Regular Schedule (8 am Mass)
Holy Thursday / April 17: 7 pm only (no morning Mass)
Good Friday / April 18: 1 pm - via Crucis - Outside Church
3 pm - Passion of Our Lord (bilingual)
6 pm - Pesame Bilingual Prayer Svc
Holy Saturday / April 19: 8 pm - Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday / April 20: Regular Schedule

Plant Sale

The Catholic Daughters are having a plant sale on Sunday - April 6 after all masses. We are asking for donations of plants and any gardening items (new or used). (We could use plants, tools, pots, and decorative garden items)

We will be collect items on Saturday, April 5 between 5 and 7 pm on the school playground

Contact:
Belinda Trevino 210-275-6529
Lupe Gifford 210-355-3562



This Week at Our Parish

Sunday, March 30, 2025
11:00 am KC BBQ Plate Sale - *Carolán Hall*

Monday, March 31, 2024
5:30 pm CDA Tea Party Board Mtg - *Rectory Mtg Room-1*

Tuesday, April 1, 2024
10:30 am Charismatic Prayer Grp = *Rectory Mtg Room - 1*
5:30 pm Divine Mercy - *Rectory Mtg Room-1*
6:30 pm Coro Alegria Choir Practice - *Rectory Mtg Room-1*
7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion Choir Practice - *Church*

Wednesday, April 2, 2025
5:30 pm CDA Party Board Mtg - *Meeting Room*
7:00 pm KC Meeting 2 - *Meeting Room 1*
Grupo de Oracion Via Crucis Practice - *Outside church*

Thursday, April 3, 2025
6:00 pm Holy Hour / Charismatic Prayer Grp / - *Church*
7:00 pm OCIA - *Rectory Mtg Room*

Friday, April 4, 2025
9:00 am Friday Adoration until 12:00 - *Church*
2:00 pm Friday Adoration continues until 5:00 pm - *Church*
6:00 pm Stations of the Cross - *Church*
7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion Holy Hour / Via Crucis - *Church*

Saturday, April 5, 2025
3:30 pm Cenaculo de la Divina Misericordia - *Rectory Mtg Rm*
4:00 pm CDA Plant Sale Collection - *School Playground*

Sunday, April 6, 2025
8:00 am CDA Plant Sale - *School Playground*
10:00 am KC Mass - *Church*

Lecturas de la Semana del 24 - 30 mar

Lunes: Is 65:17-21; Sal 29:2,4-6,11-13; Jn 4:43-54

Martes: Ez 47:1-9,12; Sal 45:2-3,5-6,8-9;
Jn 5:1-3,5-16

Miércoles: Is 49:8-15; Sal 144:8-9,13-14,17-18;
Jn 5:17-30

Jueves: Ex 32:7-14; Sal 105:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

Viernes: Sab 2:1,12-22; Sal 33:17-21,23;
Jn 7:1-2,10,25-30

Sábado: Jr 11:18-20; Sal 7:2-3,9-12; Jn 7:40-53

Domingo: Is 43:16-21; Sal 125:1-6; Flp 3:8-14;
Jn 8:1-11

Escrutinio: Ez 37:12-14; Sal 129:1-8; Rom 8:8-11;
Jn 11:1-45

Readings for the week of Mar 24 - 30

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2,4-6,11-13; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9,12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6,8-9;
Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9,13-14,17-18;
Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a,12-22; Ps 34:17-21,23;
Jn 7:1-2,10,25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3,9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53

Sunday: Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14;
Jn 8:1-11

Scrutiny: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11;
Jn 11:1-45

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 29, 2025 - *Saturday in Third Week of Lent*
5:00 pm **STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased**

Sunday, March 30, 2025 - *4th Sunday of Lent*
8:00 am †Anna Belle Biemer by Biemer Family
†Edward R. Ramirez by Guadalupanos
10:00 am **Special Intention for Roberto Segovia** by Theres Garza
12:00 pm †Esperanza & Pedro Flores by Rosie Espinoza
†**Animas del Purgatorio** by Cisneros Family

Monday, March 31, 2024 - *Monday in Fourth Week of Lent*
8:00 am †Martina Bonilla

Tuesday, April 1, 2024 - *Tuesday in Fourth Week of Lent*
8:00 am †Tony and Maria Lemus by Conce Lemus

Wednesday, April 2, 2025 - *St. Francis of Paola, Hermit*
8:00 am **Special Intention for Roberto Segovia** by Theresa Garza

Thursday, April 3, 2025 - *Thursday in Fourth Week of Lent*
8:00 am †Estella Esquivel by Ana Villalobos

Friday, April 4, 2025 - *St. Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*
8:00 am †Edward Ramirez by Theresa Garza

Saturday, April 5, 2025 - *St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest*
8:00 am †Al Weinheimer by Carolyn Weinheimer
5:00 pm †Maria & Raul Salinas by Family

Sunday, April 6, 2025 - *5th Sunday of Lent*
8:00 am †Catarina Rosas by Rosas Family
†Anna Belle Biemer by Biemer Family
†Rafael Garza by Theresa Garza
†Richard Narvaez by Elda Garcia
†Edward Ramirez by Theresa Garza
10:00 am †Martha O'Connor by Evancho Family
†Michael Boudreaux by Gladys Boudreaux
†Medardo E & Evangelina G Morales by Briseno/Morales Families
†**Animas del Purgatorio** by Cisneros Family
n Thanksgiving to St. Jude by Martha Arredondo
12:00 pm **STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased**

**Sanctuary Light Intention:**
Donald E. Rand**Liturgical Roles**

Saturday, April 5, 2025
5:00 pm **Altar Servers** - Volunteers
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, L.Adams, T.Garza,
S.Chapa, C.Lange
Lector - T.Garza

Sunday, April 6, 2025
8 am **Altar Servers** - Mem.Planchon, Max.Planchon
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, M.Aguirre, R.Davila,
M.Nguyen, E.Garcia
Lector - O.Weich

10 am **Altar Servers** - M.Lawson, A.McCaffery, A.Hartsfield
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, KC's
Lector - KC's

12 pm **Altar Servers** - S.Obregon, A.Gomez, A.Llanas
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, C.Hernandez,
I.Hernandez, C.Martinez, E.Obregon, A.Chavez, R.Gomez
Lector - H.Gomez / M.Cisneros



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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

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If you or someone you know has been a
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**In Loving Memory
of Joe Canales
On behalf of
The Canales Family**



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