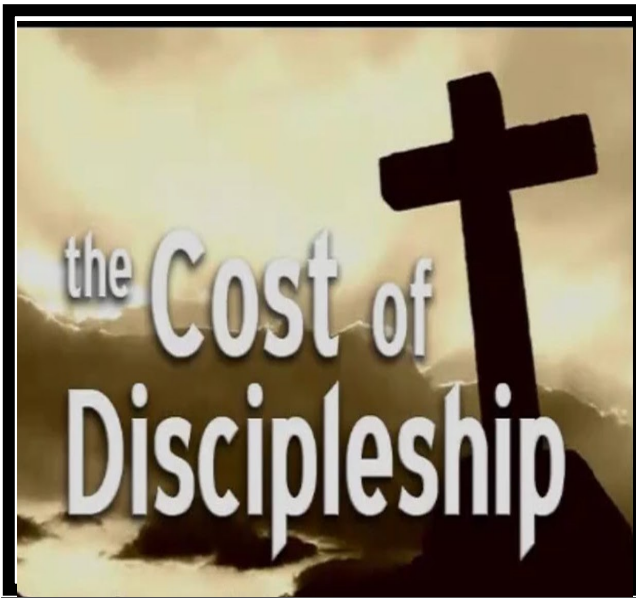


October 12, 2025



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)

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Coordinator (open)

**Alli Fuentes, Alicia Perez,
Cesar Paez, Noe Carrizales,
& Ruben Alvarado**

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David Allen - Coordinator

**RoseMarie Evancho, Michele Allen,
Rita Davis & Charles Lange**

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HOME OF THE KNIGHTS

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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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12 - 1 p.m.

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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Gospel Meditation:

Dorothy Day, the great Catholic activist, doubted God's existence. At least in her early adult years. But something changed when after giving birth to her daughter, she experienced an overwhelming gratitude. She later described how, as she held her daughter, the only appropriate response was a kind of unlimited gratitude. She had done nothing to deserve such a gift — this tiny, miraculous life — but there she was, flooded with gratitude, completely undone by the love of such a Giver.

Something similar occurs in Luke 17:19 when Jesus tells a healed leper, "*Stand up and go; your faith has saved you.*" This man had already received physical healing through his faith. But the moment of an even deeper transformation came when he turned back, fell at Jesus' feet, and gave thanks. Like Dorothy, this man's gratitude led him to encounter the Giver.

Isn't that what we want, too? Gratitude to God has the power to break our chains of sadness, bitterness, and disenchantment. It empowers us to step out of the prison of self-pity and into the reality of God's abundant love. It shifts our focus from what we lack to what we have received, from what wounds us to what heals us. Where do we learn this? The Mass.

The priest prays: "It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks."

Always. Everywhere. Not just when life is easy. Not just when prayers are answered as we expect. Gratitude is not a passive feeling; it is an act of faith. In the eucharist, we remember that Christ himself has given everything for us.

And in this act of gratitude, we are healed.

— Father John Muir

Meditación del Evangelio:

Dorothy Day, la gran activista católica, dudaba de la existencia de Dios. Al menos en sus primeros años de adultez. Pero algo cambió cuando después de dar a luz a su hija, experimentó una gratitud abrumadora. Más tarde describió cómo, mientras sostenía a su hija, la única respuesta apropiada era una especie de gratitud ilimitada. No había hecho nada para merecer tal regalo, esta pequeña y milagrosa vida, pero allí estaba, inundada de gratitud, completamente deshecha por el amor de tal Dador.

Algo similar ocurre en Lucas 17:19 cuando Jesús le dice a un leproso sanado: "*Levántate y vete; tu fe te ha salvado*". Este hombre ya había recibido sanidad física a través de su fe. Pero el momento de una transformación aún más profunda llegó cuando se dio la vuelta, cayó a los pies de Jesús y dio gracias. Al igual que Dorothy, la gratitud de este hombre lo llevó a encontrarse con el Dador.

¿No es eso lo que queremos también? La gratitud a Dios tiene el poder de romper nuestras cadenas de tristeza, amargura y desencanto. Nos capacita para salir de la prisión de la autocompasión y entrar en la realidad del abundante amor de Dios.

Cambia nuestro enfoque de lo que nos falta a lo que hemos recibido, de lo que nos hiere a lo que nos cura.

¿Dónde aprendemos esto? La Misa. El sacerdote reza: "Es verdaderamente correcto y justo, nuestro deber y nuestra salvación, siempre y en todas partes, darles gracias". Siempre. En todas partes. No solo cuando la vida es fácil.

No solo cuando las oraciones son respondidas como esperamos. La gratitud no es un sentimiento pasivo; es un acto de fe.

En la eucaristía, recordamos que Cristo mismo lo ha dado todo por nosotros.

Y en este acto de gratitud, somos sanados.

— Padre John Muir

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October 5, 2025

Sunday Collection	\$ 9,084.99
Vigil Candles.....	\$ 191.61
Mass Intentions.....	\$ 10.00
STM School.....	\$ 235.00
Truck Raffle.....	\$ 1,300.00

Second Collection: Oct 18 - 19

World Mission Sunday

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

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Buckle Up... we're getting ready for my favorite time of the year!!

The weather will be cooling down soon... (then we can all complain about how cold it is... lol)

All the fall, Halloween, *Thanksgiving*, and *Christmas* decorations are out and available in the stores..

(actually they've been out since August!!) And Feast Days!! We have sooo many days to celebrate!

It's as if we're having a 2 or 3 month party! So... ENJOY!

We just celebrated the Feast of the Archangels (Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Rafael—the only angels mentioned by name in Scripture)

Then, we celebrated St. Jerome, Doctor of the Church. He translated most of the Bible (OT from Hebrew and NT from Greek and 'Old' Latin). His translation is called the Vulgate and is still the source from which all Bible versions are based.

October is the **"Month of the Rosary"** (so come to Mass during the month a little early and bring your rosary), and on Oct 7th we celebrated our Blessed Mother as **Our Lady of the Rosary**.

On Wednesday, Oct 1st, we celebrated the Memorial of St. Therese of the Child Jesus... one of the Doctors of the Church; she is better known as the **"Little Flower."** In her many writings she advocated a simple lifestyle... saying all things, done with the right frame of mind, can be a prayer to honor and glorify God.

On Thursday, the 2nd, we celebrated the Memorial of the **Holy Guardian Angels**. Angels abound! We each have at least one to look after and guide us from the moment we are born... to the day we die. Just think of how many angels there must be! Literally billions and billions of them (**and probably more!**)!

Then to top off the week... on Saturday, Oct 4th, we celebrated the *Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi*. We have all heard of how he could communicate with the animals! The school children brought their pets and/or stuffed animals representing them to school on Friday to be blessed by Fr. Ed.

We also celebrate several Apostles and Popes during the month: St. Pope John XXIII on the 11th, St. Luke on the 18th, St. Pope John Paul II on the 22nd, St. Simon and St. Jude on the 28th, among others.

To round out the month of October... we celebrate **"All Hallows Eve"** (Halloween) on the 31st... which leads us to our great celebration of **"All Saints Day"** on November 1st... where we honor and celebrate the **Church Triumphant** – all the saints in heaven, and **"All Souls Day"** on November 2nd where we celebrate the **Church Suffering** – the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

We must **'talk'** a little more about Purgatory... maybe in a later 'Corner.'

'till then... God Bless- DT

St. Thomas More Catholic Church & School Truck Raffle

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.

2025 Ford Ranger XLT

Valued at \$32,453.

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Winner is responsible for Tax, Title, License

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Saturday, October 18, 2025

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Basket Raffle - \$5. per chance -

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BBQ Plate Dinner

(Chicken / sausage / trimmings)



**Come! Enjoy! Join the festivities!
Invite a friend! You'll be glad you did!**



This Week at Our Parish*** **Truck Raffle and BBQ Plate Ticket Sale - all Masses** *****Sunday, October 12, 2025**8:00 am KC Breakfast - *Carolán Hall*
6:15 pm Guadalupanos Monthly Rosary - *Church***Monday, October 13, 2025**6:00 pm KC 3Degree Mtg - *Carolán Hall*
6:30 pm Homebound Ministry Grp Mtg - *Rectory Mtg Room-1***Tuesday, October 14, 2025**5:30 pm Divine Mercy - *Rectory Mtg Room-1*
6:30 pm 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, October 15, 2025**7:00 pm "COR" Knights - *Rectory Mtg Room-1***Thursday, October 16, 2025**6:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Group - *Church*
7:00 pm OCIA - *Rectory Mtg Room-1***Friday, October 17, 2025**9:00 am Friday Adoration - *Church*
6:00 pm KC Breakfast Prep - *Carolán Hall*
7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion - *Church**** **Saturday - STM Market Place** ****** **Truck Raffle after all Masses** *****Saturday, October 18, 2025**3:30 pm Cenaculo de la Divina Misericordia - *Rectory Mtg Rm-1***Sunday, October 19, 2025**8:00 am Guadalupanos Mass / Gen Mtg - *Church / Carolán Hall***Sanctuary Light Intention:**
Luz Maria Salinas

(10/18 - 11/18)

Lecturas de la Semana del 13 - 19 oct**Lunes:** Rom 1:1-7; Sal 97:1-4; Lc 11:29-32**Martes:** Rom 1:16-25; Sal 18:2-5; Lc 11:37-41**Miércoles:** Rom 2:1-11; Sal 61:2-3,6-7,9; Lc 11:42-46**Jueves:** Rom 3:21-30; Sal 129:1-6; Lc 11:47-54**Viernes:** Rom 4:1-8; Sal 31:1-2,5,11; Lc 12:1-7**Sábado:** 2Tim 4:10-17; Sal 144:10-13,17-18; Lc 10:1-9**Domingo:** Ex 17:8-13; Sal 120:1-8; 2Tim 3:14-4:2;
Lc 18:1-8**Readings for the week of Oct 13 - 19****Monday:** Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 11:29-32**Tuesday:** Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 11:37-41**Wednesday:** Rom 2:1-11; Ps 62:2-3,6-7,9; Lk 11:42-46**Thursday:** Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1-6; Lk 11:47-54**Friday:** Rom 4:1-8; Ps 32:1-2,5,11; Lk 12:1-7**Saturday:** 2Tm 4:10-17; Ps 145:10-13,17-18; Lk 10:1-9**Sunday:** Ex 17:8-13; Ps 121:1-8; 2Tm 3:14-4:2;
Lk 18:1-8**Mass Intentions****Saturday, October 11, 2025** - *St. John XXIII, Pope***STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased****Sunday, October 12, 2025** - *28th Sunday in Ordinary Time*8:00 am †Sobeck & Fenner Families by Biemer Family
10:00 am †Salome H. & Carolina B. Briseno by Morales/Briseno Family
†Pilar Aguillon by Family
†Mr/Mrs Santiago Garcia by Family
†Andres Garcia by Family
†Luz Maria Salinas by Fiorella Martinez
12:00 pm †Jose Guadalupe Hernandez by Family**Monday, October 13, 2024** - *Columbus Day; Indigenous Peoples' Day*

8:00 am †Abigail Rovayo by Acosta Family

Tuesday, October 14, 2024 - *St. Callistus I, Pope & Martyr*

8:00 am †Louisa Garza by Acosta Family

Wednesday, October 15, 2025 - *St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church*

8:00 am †Joseph Acosta by L.Acosta Family

Thursday, October 16, 2025 - *St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin*8:00 am **Special Intention for Sarahi Alcalá** by Family**Friday, October 17, 2025** - *St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr*

8:00 am †Mary Jane Regal by STM School

Saturday, October 18, 2025 - *St. Luke, Evangelist*8:00 am **Birthday - Josie Saldiva** by Mom
5:00 pm †Jose Luis Maldonado, Jr by Mora Family
†Christina C. Dominguez by Dominguez Family
†Raul & Maria Salinas by Family**Sunday, October 19, 2025** - *29th Sunday in Ordinary Time***STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased**
8:00 am †Charles & Genevieve Oswald by EvanchoFamily
10:00 am †David Aguillon by Family
†Jon Ware by Dale Pekar
†Virginia Gay and Terry Sweet by Rand Family
†Joe Gimesky by Family
12:00 pm †Vanessa Cantu & Cesar Armijo by Laura Armijo**Liturgical Roles****Saturday, October 18, 2025**5:00 pm **Celebrant** - Fr. Man**Altar Servers** - Volunteers**Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Tim, J+B.Hernandez,
C.Lange, R.Alvarado**Lector** - M.Fisher**Sunday, October 19, 2025**8 am **Celebrant** - Fr. Man**Altar Servers** - Max.Planchon**Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Dennis, M+W.Torres,
R.Saldiva, M.Nguyen**Lector** - O.Weich10 am **Celebrant** - Fr. Ed**Altar Servers** - A.Hartsfield, C.Lawson, J.Villalobos**Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Tim, J+And.Perez, L.Gifford,
P+R.Mendoza, A.Fuentes**Lector** - Abi.Perez12 pm **Celebrant** - Fr. Ed**Altar Servers** - A.Gomez, S.Obregon, E.Ruiz**Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Rolando, C.Hernandez, M.Pina,
A.Chavez, H.Gomez, R.Gomez, C.Martinez**Lector** - E.Obregon / L.Lopez



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