

December 21, 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)

"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

Coordinator *Alicia Perez*,
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& Ruben Alvarado

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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

PASTOR - Rev. Ed Gonzales
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St. Thomas More Catholic Church
4411 Moana Drive
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OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday
8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

CLOSED FOR LUNCH
12 - 1 p.m.

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

CONTACT US

210.655.5070 (Office)

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STMParish@Live.Com

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Gospel Meditation:

A priest friend recently told me a remarkable story. One of his cousins reported having a vivid dream in which an angel told him the family needed to exhume their grandmother's body from a cemetery in New York and return it to her birthplace in Romania. She had been dead nearly 10 years. As you might expect, the family thought it was, well, crazy. But astonishingly they exhumed her body. It was incorrupt, showing no signs of decomposition. That experience sparked healing, faith, and reconciliation throughout the family.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Joseph also receives a dream. He's confused, afraid. But in the quiet of sleep, God speaks: "Do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home" (*Matthew 1:20*). When he wakes, Joseph acts. He doesn't overanalyze or dismiss the message. He trusts, and acts.

God still speaks — not necessarily through literal dreams but through those deeper intuitions of the heart. St. Ignatius of Loyola taught that God's voice draws us into peace, courage, and love. But we have to listen to it. Advent is a time for stillness. As we prepare for Christ's coming, we're invited to enter that quiet space where God's voice can be heard.

When and how do you become most receptive to God? Is it in silence? In prayer? In nature? At Mass? This week, go there. Be still. Listen. And like Joseph, have the courage to act on what God shows you.

— Father John Muir

Meditación del Evangelio:

Un amigo sacerdote me contó recientemente una historia extraordinaria. Uno de sus primos contó haber tenido un sueño vívido en el que un ángel le dijo que la familia debía exhumar el cuerpo de su abuela de un cementerio en Nueva York y devolverlo a su lugar de nacimiento en Rumanía. Llevaba casi 10 años muerta. Como era de esperar, la familia pensó que era, bueno, una locura. Pero, sorprendentemente, exhumaron su cuerpo. Era incorrupto, sin mostrar signos de descomposición. Esa experiencia provocó sanación, fe y reconciliación en toda la familia.

En el Evangelio de este domingo, José también recibe un sueño. Está confundido, asustado. Pero en la quietud del sueño, Dios habla: "No tengáis miedo de acoger a María, tu esposa, en tu casa" (*Mateo 1:20*). Cuando despierta, Joseph actúa. No sobreanaliza ni descarta el mensaje. Confía y actúa.

Dios sigue hablando — no necesariamente a través de sueños literales, sino a través de esas intuiciones más profundas del corazón. San Ignacio de Loyola enseñó que la voz de Dios nos lleva a la paz, el valor y el amor. Pero tenemos que escucharlo. El Adviento es un tiempo de quietud. Mientras nos preparamos para la llegada de Cristo, estamos invitados a entrar en ese espacio tranquilo donde se puede oír la voz de Dios.

¿Cuándo y cómo te vuelves más receptivo a Dios? ¿Es en silencio? ¿En oración? ¿En la naturaleza? ¿En misa? Esta semana, ve allí. Estate quieto. Escucha. Y como José, ten el valor de actuar según lo que Dios te muestra.

— Padre John Muir

YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

December 14, 2025

Sunday Collection	\$ 5,947.85
Vigil Candles.....	\$ 215.25
Retired Religious.....	\$ 424.85
Mass Intentions.....	\$ 130.00
Donations.....	\$ 50.00
Bulletin Ads.....	\$ 100.00
Truck Raffle.....	\$ 3,660.00
Immaculate Conception.....	\$ 20.00
Christmas Flowers.....	\$ 100.00
BINGO.....	\$ 1,326.40

Second Collection at ALL Christmas Masses:
To Support Assumption Seminary

Second Collection: Dec 27 - 28
To Support Our STM School

Special Notice

Lectors and all who follow the readings

Readings for all Christmas Masses
(Vigil, Midnight, and 'Day-of')

will use the readings for the Night Mass
(found on page 58 of the missalette)

Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3,11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Aviso Especial

Lectores y todos los que siguen las lecturas
Las lecturas de todas las Misas de Navidad

(Vigilia, Medianoche y 'Día de')

utilizarán las lecturas de la Misa de Noche
(Se encuentra en la página 59 del missalette)

Is 9:1-6; Sal 95:1-3,11-13; Tit 2:11-14; Lc 2:1-14

For your review: A financial analysis showing Income and Expenses for the past 2 fiscal years (2023-2024 and 2024-2025) as well as budgeted numbers for this / upcoming fiscal year (July 2025-June 2026).

Please address any comments / questions to the Parish Office.

Fr. Ed

	July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024			July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025			July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026		
	Actual Dollars for Fiscal Year			Actual Dollars for Fiscal Year			Budgeted Dollars for Fiscal Year		
INCOME	Donations & Fees Charged	Expenditures	Net Positive (Negative) Cash Flow	Donations & Fees Charged	Expenditures	Net Positive (Negative) Cash Flow	Donations & Fees Charged	Expenditures	Net Positive (Negative) Cash Flow
Sunday & Holy Day Contribution	324,520			356,695			360,000		
Archbishop's Appeal Rebate	6,084			64,944			5,000		
Building Fund and Other	113,466			78,148			63,500		
Fundraising Activities	168,490			12,640			155,000		
Religious Education & Faith Formation	8,222			9,815			12,306		
Parish Organization & Special Projects	<u>20,818</u>			<u>15,375</u>			<u>11,500</u>		
Total Income	641,600			537,617			607,306		
Pastoral & Administrative Expenses									
Administration		215,660			225,789			226,780	
Insurance		21,827			53,084			56,100	
Repair & Maintenance		28,171			176,207			15,200	
Utilities		41,448			27,111			31,090	
Other Expenses **		100,686			145,747			116,725	
Archdiocese Assistance		41,484			45,036			49,908	
Fundraising Expense		73,844			1,355			65,000	
Parish Organization & Special Projects		<u>25,529</u>			<u>14,633</u>			<u>14,500</u>	
Subtotal of Pastoral & Admin.		548,649			688,963			575,303	
TOTAL INCOME, EXPENSES & NET FOR EACH YEAR	<u>641,600</u>	<u>548,649</u>	<u>92,951</u>	<u>537,617</u>	<u>688,963</u>	<u>(151,346)</u>	<u>607,306</u>	<u>575,303</u>	<u>32,003</u>

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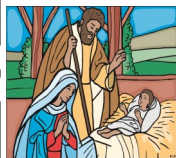


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A CHRISTMAS WISH:

During this most holy time of the year, my prayer is that the Christ Child and His Mother, Mary most holy, continue to bless our parish and each of you during this Christmas Season and throughout the coming year.

On behalf of myself, Fr. Man, our Parish Staff, Deacons, School Faculty and Staff, and all our various Organizations and Ministries...

Merry Christmas... and God Bless.

Fr. Ed



Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son and His name shall be called Emmanuel.

Liturgical Schedule for Christmas

Wed, Dec 24: 5 pm - Vigil Mass

Thurs, Dec 25: Midnight
(Music begins at 11:30 pm)
10 am
Noon - Spanish

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

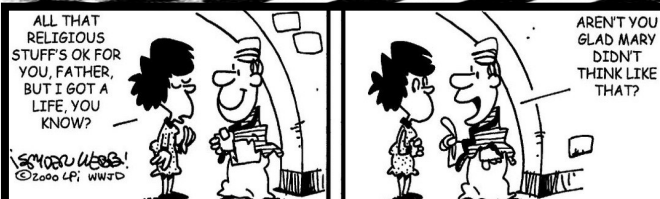
Wed, Dec 31: 6 pm

Thurs, Jan 1: 10 am
Noon - Spanish

During Christmas Holidays,
The Parish Offices will be closed
on the following
Holy Days and Holidays:

Wed, Dec 24th - Christmas Eve
Thurs, Dec 25th - Christmas Day
Fri, Dec 26th - In Observance of Christmas

Thurs, Jan 1st - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God



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Tickets are \$100 / each

Winner is responsible for Tax, Title, License

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.

Drawing will be held: Saturday, February 21, 2026
Prize must be claimed by 5 pm, Friday, February 27, 2026 or
Winner forfeits prize and a new winner will be drawn.

Purchase of ticket IS **NOT** Tax Deductible.
All proceeds benefit St. Thomas More Catholic Church



(Truck Representation)

This Week at Our Parish*** **Truck Raffle Ticket Sale - after all Masses This Weekend** *****Sunday, December 21, 2025**

8:00 am Guadalupanos Mass - Church

Monday, December 22, 2025**Tuesday, December 23, 2025**

5:30 pm Divine Mercy - Rectory Mtg Room-1

6:00 am Festival Mtg - Rectory Mtg Room

7:00 pm Coro Alegria Choir Practice - Rectory Mtg Room-1

*** **Parish Offices Closed Wed, Thurs, Fri - Christmas** *****Wednesday, December 24, 2025***All Activities/ Meetings - Cancelled***Thursday, December 25, 2025 - Christmas Day***All Activities/ Meetings - Cancelled***Friday, December 26, 2025***All Activities/ Meetings - Cancelled**** **Truck Raffle Ticket Sale - after all Masses This Weekend** *****Saturday, December 27, 2025**

3:30 pm Cenaculo de la Divina Misericordia - Rectory Mtg Rm-1

Sunday, December 28, 2025

10:00 am CDA Mass - Church

**Sanctuary Light Intention:**

†Abigail Rovayo

(12/27 - 1/27)

Lecturas de la Semana del 22 - 27 dec**Lunes:** 1Sm 1:24-28; 1Sm 2:1,4-8; Lc 1:46-56**Martes:** Mal 3:1-4,23-24; Sal 24:4-5,8-10,14; Lc 1:57-66**Miércoles: Día:** 2Sm 7:1-5,8-12,14,16; Sal 88:2-5,27,29;
Lc 1:67-79**Vigilia:** Is 62:1-5; Sal 88:4-5,16-17,27,29;
Hch 13:16-17,22-25; Mt 1:1-25**Jueves: Medianoche:** Is 9:1-6; Sal 95:1-3,11-13;
Tit 2:11-14; Lc 2:1-14**Día:** Is 52:7-10; Sal 97:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18**Viernes:** Hch 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Sal 30:3-4,6,8,16,17;
Mt 10:17-22**Sábado:** 1Jn 1:1-4; Sal 96:1-2,5-6,11-12; Jn 20:1-2-8**Domingo:** Eclo 3:2-6,12-14; Sal 127:1-5; Col 3:12-21;
Mt 2:13-15,19-23**Readings for the week of Dec 22 - 27****Mon:** 1Sm 1:24-28; 1Sm 2:1,4-8; Lc 1:46-56**Tues:** Mal 3:1-4,23-24; Ps 25:4-5,8-10,14; Lc 1:57-66**Wed: Day:** 2Sm 7:1-5,8-12,14,16; Ps 89:2-5,27,29;
Lc 1:67-79**Vigil:** Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5,16-17,27,29;
Acts 13:16-17,22-25; Mt 1:1-25**Thurs: MidNight:** Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3,11-13; Ti 2:11-14;
Lc 2:1-14**Day:** Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18**Fri:** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3-4,6,8,16,17;
Mt 10:17-22**Sat:** 1Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2,5-6,11-12; Jn 20:1-8**Sun:** Sir 3:2-6,12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21;
Mt 2:13-15,19-23**Mass Intentions****Saturday, December 20, 2025**

2:00 pm †Dearly Departed - First Christmas in Heaven

5:00 pm †Julio & Guadalupe Mendoza

by Mendoza Family

†Christina C. Dominguez

by Dominguez Family

†Martha Brinkmann

by Richard Perez Family

†Ruben Sr & Beatrice Rodriguez

by Family

†Gregorio Cisneros

by Family

Special Intention for Thanksgiving—Rosa Saldiva**Sunday, December 21, 2025 - Fourth Sunday of Advent**8:00 am **STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased**

10:00 am †Juan & Mike Urbano

by Urbano Family

†Katie Sweet

by Conce Lemus

†Jon Ware

by Dale

†Peter S. Johnson, Jr.

by Johnson Family

†Salome H. & Carolina B. Briseno

by Briseno / Morales Families

†Marcellino Llanas

by Talley Family

Monday, December 22, 2024

8:00 am †Philip McCoy

Tuesday, December 23, 2024 - St. John of Kanty, Priest

8:00 am Rosemary Saldiva

by Mom

Wednesday, December 24, 2025 - Christmas Eve

8:00 am †San Juana E. Reyes

by Family

5:00 pm †Rafael Garza

by Theresa Garza

Thursday, December 25, 2025 - Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

12:00 am †Edward & Diana Ramirez

by Family

10:00 am †Deceased Mbrs - Oswald & Evancho Families

by Evancho Family

12:00 pm **STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased****Friday, December 26, 2025 - St. Stephen, the First Martyr**

8:00 am †Santiago (Jimmy) Perez

Saturday, December 27, 2025 - St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

8:00 am Almas del Pulgatorio

by Cisneros family

5:00 pm †Carmen Yanez

by Family

†San Juana E. Reyes

by Family

†Martha Brinkmann

by Richard Perez Family

†Ruben Sr & Beatrice Rodriguez

by Family

Sunday, December 28, 2025 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

8:00 am †Marguerite McCoy

10:00 am **STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased**

12:00 pm †Marcellino Llanas

by Talley Family

†Jose Alcantar & Jesse Alcantar

by Family

†Deyanira Tello

by Hermanas Tello

**Liturgical Roles****Saturday, December 27, 2025**5:00 pm **Celebrant - Fr. Ed****Altar Servers - Volunteers****Eucharistic Ministers -** Dcn Rolando, T.Garza, R.Saldiva,
S.Chapa, T.Guerrero**Lector - T.Guerrero****Sunday, December 28, 2025**8 am **Celebrant - Fr. Ed****Altar Servers - Max.Planchon****Eucharistic Ministers -** Dcn Tim, B.Trevino, M.Nguyen,
R.Castaneda**Lector - Y.Cione**10 am **Celebrant - Fr. Ed****Altar Servers - M.Lawson, C.Hartsfield, M.Pereida****Eucharistic Ministers -** Dcn Dennis, CDA**Lector - CDA**12 pm **Celebrant - Fr. Ed****Altar Servers - S.Obregon, A.Gomez, M.Gonzalez****Eucharistic Ministers -** Dcn Dennis, C.Hernandez, M.Pina,
C.Martinez, A.Chavez, D+F.Malacara**Lector - L.Lopez / M.Pina**



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Joseph (Joe) Galvan
&
Billy Sheridan**
on behalf of
The Family

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the 3rd Sunday of the month, after the
8:00 a.m. Mass. For more information call
Esther Nunez @210.288.7579

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Contact the Office of Victim
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