

July 20 , 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 & 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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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.

CONTACT US

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Gospel Meditation:

One of my close friends is a hermit priest who lives on a desert mountain. Recently I found myself in a group conversation about him. One vehemently objected, ***"What does he do up there all day? Nothing! Priests are down here working, running parishes, making a difference, and he...he is doing nothing! What a waste."*** The words dripped with indignation and resentment. Most of the group quietly nodded in silent agreement. *Were they correct?*

No! To see why, consider a similar scenario in this week's gospel. Jesus visits his friends Martha and Mary. A hardworking and exasperated Martha complains to Jesus that her sister is attending to him rather than to urgent household tasks. Our Lord, rather than praising hospitality, explicitly celebrates the less-productive sister for doing the *"one necessary thing."* He praises her for she *"has chosen the better part"* (Luke 10:42). Mary is busy doing what matters.

Before we freak out like Martha, consider that all work—domestic, manual, professional, ministerial, contemplative—is done to help us (*sooner or later*) to experience the love that makes us happy. We should be thankful for those who focus on the *"better part"* of radical, ceaseless prayer. They invite us to remember the purpose of all work is the enjoyment of love. Contemplatives, hermits, anyone fervently committed to prayer—they invite us to cast aside our forgetful, resentful, and self-aggrandizing attitudes in exchange for hearts ready to do what is finally necessary.

— Father John Muir

Meditación del Evangelio:

Uno de mis amigos cercanos es un sacerdote ermitaño que vive en una montaña desierta. Recientemente me encontré en una conversación grupal sobre él. Uno objetó con vehemencia: ***"¿Qué hace él allá arriba todo el día? ¡Nada! Los sacerdotes están aquí trabajando, dirigiendo parroquias, marcando la diferencia, y él... ¡Él no está haciendo nada! ¡Qué desperdicio!"***. Las palabras destilaban indignación y resentimiento. La mayoría del grupo asintió en silencio. *¿Estaban en lo cierto?*

¡No! Para ver por qué, considere una situación similar en el Evangelio de esta semana. Jesús visita a sus amigas Marta y María. Marta, trabajadora y exasperada, se queja a Jesús de que su hermana le atiende en lugar de ocuparse de las tareas domésticas urgentes. Nuestro Señor, en lugar de alabar la hospitalidad, celebra explícitamente a la hermana menos productiva por hacer la *"única cosa necesaria"*.

Él la alaba porque ella *"ha escogido la mejor parte"* (Lucas 10:42). María está ocupada haciendo lo que importa.

Antes de enloquecer como Marta, consideremos que todo el trabajo -doméstico, manual, profesional, ministerial, contemplativo- se hace para ayudarnos (*tarde o temprano*) a experimentar el amor que nos hace felices.

Debemos estar agradecidos por aquellos que se enfocan en la *"mejor parte"* de la oración radical e incesante.

Nos invitan a recordar que el propósito de todo trabajo es el disfrute del amor. Los contemplativos, los ermitaños, cualquiera que esté fervientemente comprometido con la oración, nos invitan a dejar a un lado nuestras actitudes olvidadizas, resentidas y autoengrandecedoras a cambio de corazones listos para hacer lo que finalmente sea necesario.

— Padre John Muir

YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

July 13, 2025

Sunday Collection	\$ 6,780.48
Vigil Candles.....	\$ 249.55
STM School.....	\$ 100.00
Mass Intentions.....	\$ 20.00
Disaster Relief Services.....	\$ 1,406.60
Catholic Home Appeal.....	\$ 42.00

***Second Collection July 26 – 27
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 will begin August 1st and 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 comenzará el 1 de agosto 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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Saturday July 26, 2025

7 am to 12 pm

Simple clean up

Bring Your Lawn Mowers and Shovels

For more information contact:

Jesse Perez

210-609-0056

**WELCOME ABOARD!!**

Father Man Nguyen

It's great to have you with us!

Father Man,
our newly appointed *Parochial Vicar*,
comes to us from Del Rio
We hope you enjoy your new home here at
St. Thomas More!



MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

May God comfort the family and friends of

Joe Davis

(Husband of Parishioner Rita Davis)

and

Former Parishioner Yolanda Riojas

who passed away recently.

Our sincere sympathy and assurances of prayers
are extended to Rita,
the Davis and Riojas Families

May They Rest in Peace.



You know that we, as Catholics, are **obliged** to 'spread and defend the faith by word and deed.' Strong words... but that's what the Catechism and Vatican II documents (*Lumen Gentium*) say! Our Baptism is our call to participate in the Evangelization process of the Church! We need to **share our faith**. We need to **Evangelize!** Pope John Paul II summed it up this way saying, "**Faith is strengthened when it is given to others!**"

To Evangelize simply means sharing how good we think something is... it is usually referred to in a religious sense. But... if you think about it, we **Evangelize the Secular** every day! We *Evangelize* about that great (or not-so-great) movie we just saw! We *Evangelize* about our favorite sports team. We *Evangelize* our family. Etc, etc, etc. So... If we *Evangelize* about all these other things, why do we have such a tough time *Evangelizing* our faith?

When we step out on a limb and begin to share our faith (*at work, the gym, or where-ever*) we will get questions! "I used to be Catholic... why do I need a priest coming between me and God"...

"Why do Catholics worship Mary?"... etc. Sometimes you'll know the answers... other times you won't.

One of two things usually happens then... 1. You either stop talking about your faith, or 2. You go find the answers.

If (*hopefully*) you choose the latter... you don't return to the conversation the same.

You come back knowing and understanding more yourself... you come back with a fuller realization of who Christ is and what the Church teaches. *In the process of explaining the faith you learn more about the faith.*

That's true when teaching about anything! When you explain an idea to others, you come to know it better yourself. Focus on the essentials... on what matters most and go from there.

When sharing the Gospel we focus on the basic Christian message, the core of the Good News... Christ!

Who He is, what He offers and why we need what He offers. We talk about the Church He created and how it embodies His teachings. That's what the RCIA (*excuse me... OCIA*) attempts to do!

You have questions? We have answers... or we'll get them!

Our faith is rich... so rich... so all-encompassing... you can - and will - spend a lifetime learning about it! But, through the OCIA, you will have a good, solid foundation on which to build.

So... whether you are Catholic or not... if you want to learn more about the Catholic Faith...

I invite you to join us as we begin our journey. We meet on Thursday evenings in the Rectory Meeting Room from 7 - 8:30 pm... beginning September 4th. (*use the 'court yard' entrance*).

Hope to see you there...

God Bless- DT



Catholic Women's CONFERENCE "Come to Me"

Our mission is to foster an appreciation for the personal dignity of women, to encourage women to know and love God, and to inspire them to use their feminine gifts for the transformation of family and society. CWC is an event for healing, for spiritual direction, for receiving tools for everyday living and resources for education.

Saturday, July 26, 2025

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

This Week at Our Parish

Sunday, July 20, 2025
8:00 am Guadalupanos Mass / Mtg - Church / Carolan Hall

Monday, July 21, 2024
6:00 pm KC 3Degree Mtg - Carolan Hall
6:30 pm Homebound Ministry Grp - Rectory Mtg Room-1

Tuesday, July 22, 2024
5:30 pm Divine Mercy - Rectory Mtg Room-1
7:00 pm Coro Alegria Choir Practice - Rectory Mtg Room-1
Grupo de Oracion Choir Practice - Church

Wednesday, July 23, 2025
6:00 pm KC 4th Degree Mtg - Carolan Hall

Thursday, July 24, 2025
6:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Grp - Church

Friday, July 25, 2025
9:00 am Friday Adoration - Church
7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion - Church

Saturday, July 26, 2025
3:30 pm Cenaculo de la Divina Misericordia - Rectory Mtg Rm-1

Sunday, July 27, 2025
10:00 am CDA Mass - Church

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Educates for the Mission

August 4, 2026
Deadline to apply

Lecturas de la Semana del 21 - 27 julio

Lunes: Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1-6; Mt 12:38-42

Martes: Cant 3:1-4 o 2Co 5:14-17;
Sal 62:2-6,8-9; Jn 20:1-2,11-18

Miércoles: Ex 16:1-5,9-15; Sal 77:18-19,23-28;
Mt 13:1-9

Jueves: Ex 19:1-2,9-11,16-20; Dn 3:52-56;
Mt 13:10-17

Viernes: 2Co 4:7-15; Sal 125:1-6; Mt 20:20-28

Sábado: Ex 24:3-8; Sal 49:1-2,5-6,14-15;
Mt 13:24-30

Domingo: Gn 18:20-32; Sal 137:1-3,6-8;
Col 2:12-14; Lc 11:1-13

Readings for the week of July 21 - 27

Monday: Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1-6; Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Sg 3:1-4 or 2Cor 5:14-17;
Ps 63:2-6,8-9; Jn 20:1-2,11-18

Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5,9-15; Ps 78:18-19,23-28;
Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: Ex 19:1-2,9-11,16-20; Dn 3:52-56;
Mt 13:10-17

Friday: 2Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1-6; Mt 20:20-28

Saturday: Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1-2,5-6,14-15;
Mt 13:24-30

Sunday: Gn 18:20-32; Ps 138:1-3,6-8;
Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 19, 2025
5:00 pm †Edward & Katey Shortner by Biemer Family
†Jose Luis Maldonado, Jr by Mom & Family
†Thepthuam Family by Rand Family
†Kamasori Family by Rand Family
†Christina Dominguez by Family

Sunday, July 20, 2025 - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am **STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased**
10:00 am †Lilliana Polanco Vasquez by Martha Arredondo
12:00 pm **In Thanksgiving for Diego & Jose Garcia** by Garcia Family

Monday, July 21, 2024 - St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & DoC
8:00 am †Edward & Diana Ramirez by Pablo & Irene

Tuesday, July 22, 2024 - St. Mary Magdalene
8:00 am †Mary Acosta by Acosta Family

Wednesday, July 23, 2025 - St. Bridget, Religious
8:00 am †Santiago Hernandez by Family

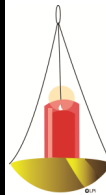
Thursday, July 24, 2025 - St. Sharbel Makhluf, Priest
8:00 am †David & Guadalupe Velasquez by Hope Alvarado

Friday, July 25, 2025 - St. James, Apostle
8:00 am †Santiago Garcia / Ray Quinones by Family

Saturday, July 26, 2025 - Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00 am †Edmond McCarthy by Ruben & Hope
5:00 pm †Elacio & Eloisa Alvarado by Ruben & Hope
†Yolanda R. Mendez
In Thanksgiving & for the Intercession of: Infant of Prague, St. Jude, St. Anthony, St. Thomas More, St. Martin de Porres, St. Lazarus, St. Philomena, St. Lucia, St. Mother Cabrini
By Ruben & Hope

Sunday, July 27, 2025 - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am †Annabelle Biemer by Biemer Family
†Indalecio G. Uriega by Family
†Ruben Juarez, Josefa Reyna, Eloisa Juarez, Robert Literio, and by Sylvia Roman
Abert Litterio
Special Intention for Kalyie Olivo by Tina Olivo
Special Intention for Janette Kasper by Mom Tina Olivo
STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased
Harmony within the Castro Family

10:00 am
12:00 pm

**Sanctuary Light Intention:****Ralph W. Garcia**

(7/05 - 8/05)

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, July 26, 2025 **DONE**
5:00 pm **Altar Servers** - Volunteers
Eucharistic Ministers- Dcn Tim, C.Lange, R.Saldiva, S.Chapa, R.Alvarado
Lector - T.Guerrero

Sunday, July 27, 2025
8 am **Altar Servers** - Mem.Planchon, Max.Planchon
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Dennis, M.Nguyen, P.Klar, M.Aguirre, R.Castaneda
Lector - S.Castaneda

10 am **Altar Servers** - M.Pereida, M.Lawson, C.Lawson
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, CDA
Lector - CDA

12 pm **Altar Servers** - A.Gomez, S.Obregon, M.Gonzalez
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, C.Hernandez, D+F.Malacara, D.Llanas, E.Obregon, M.Pina
Lector - D+F.Malacara



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&**

**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

Archdiocese of San Antonio 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
you wish to file a complaint:
Contact the Office of Victim

Assistance & Safe Environment at
(210) 734-7786 OR (877) 700-1888
or email: ovase@archsa.org.

**You have the right to contact law
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