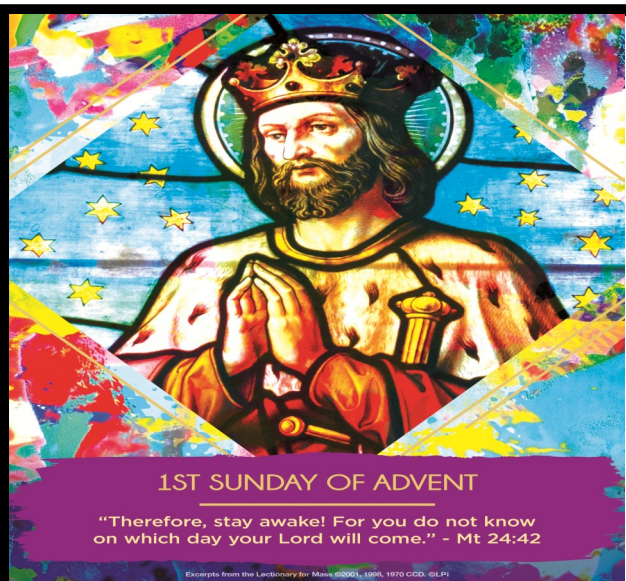


November 30, 2025



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*,
Alli Fuentes, Cesar Paez,
Sylvia Garcia, Noe Carrizales,
& Ruben Alvarado

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

David Allen - Coordinator
RoseMarie Evancho, Michele Allen ,
Rita Davis & Charles Lange

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.

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

EMAIL FrGonzales.STMC@GMAIL.COM

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St. Thomas More Catholic Church

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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 few years ago, my house was broken into on Super Bowl Sunday. Turns out, it's a great day for burglars. If the TV isn't on, people are probably watching the game somewhere else, so ... easy pickins'. I'll never forget walking into my bedroom and realizing someone had been there. My stuff was thrown all over the floor. The closet was torn apart. It was disorienting and disturbing — someone had invaded the space I thought was secure. After that, I bought an alarm system. And every Super Bowl Sunday since, I'm extra careful to lock the doors and keep the lights on. That experience made me more alert. Not scared. Just attentive.

That's much like the spiritual place Jesus wants us to be on this first Sunday of Advent. He doesn't start the season with soft candlelight and cozy manger scenes. He starts with two brutal images: a flood and a thief. In other words, chaos and violation.

Why? Because life will flood us. Chaos will come. And in the midst of it, Christ will come like a thief — not to steal from us, but to steal us back. He is the intruder we should want. The one who breaks in, not to ransack, but to rescue.

Christ presents himself as the thief but also the new Noah. He builds the ark of the Church to carry us through the flood. And he invites us to join him. How? By participating fully in our parishes. By making our homes places of prayer. By guarding our hearts with truth. By refusing to let spiritual complacency leave us exposed. By repentance.

This Advent, don't just stay vaguely "awake." Prepare. Build. Watch. The flood will come. But so will he.

— Father John Muir

Meditación del Evangelio:

Hace unos años, entraron a robar en mi casa el domingo de la Super Bowl. Resulta que es un gran día para los ladrones. Si la tele no está encendida, probablemente la gente esté viendo el partido en otro sitio, así que... Presas fáciles. Nunca olvidaré entrar en mi dormitorio y darme cuenta de que alguien había estado allí. Mis cosas estaban tiradas por todo el suelo. El armario estaba destrozado. Fue desorientador y perturbador — alguien había invadido el espacio que creía seguro. Después de eso, compré un sistema de alarma. Y cada domingo de la Super Bowl desde entonces, tengo mucho cuidado de cerrar las puertas con llave y mantener las luces encendidas. Esa experiencia me hizo estar más alerta. No tengo miedo. Solo atento.

Eso es muy parecido al lugar espiritual en el que Jesús quiere que estemos en este primer domingo de Adviento. No empieza la temporada con una luz suave de velas ni escenas de pesebre acogedor. Empieza con dos imágenes brutales: una inundación y un ladrón. En otras palabras, caos y violación.

¿Por qué? Porque la vida nos inundará. Llegará el caos. Y en medio de todo ello, Cristo vendrá como un ladrón — no para robarnos, sino para devolvernos. Es el intruso que deberíamos querer. El que irrumpe, no para saquear, sino para rescatar.

Cristo se presenta como el ladrón pero también como el nuevo Noé. Él construye el arca de la Iglesia para llevarnos a través del diluvio. Y nos invita a unirnos a él. ¿Cómo? Participando plenamente en nuestras parroquias. Haciendo de nuestros hogares lugares de oración. Protegiendo nuestros corazones con la verdad. Negándonos a dejar que la complacencia espiritual nos deje expuestos. Por arrepentimiento.

Este Adviento, no te quedes vagamente "despierto". Preparar. Construir. Reloj. El diluvio llegará. Pero él también lo hará.

— Padre John Muir

YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

November 23, 2025

Sunday Collection	\$ 5,827.30
Vigil Candles.....	\$ 184.46
School.....	\$ 620.54
Mass Intentions.....	\$ 100.00
Bulletin Ads.....	\$ 265.00
Donations.....	\$ 860.00
Truck Raffle.....	\$ 5,895.00

Second Collection: Dec 6 - 7

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*

My 1st Christmas In Heaven

Come and join in a **Mass of Remembrance** of
Our loved ones that have Passed Away in 2025.
December 20, 2025, at 2:00pm

We kindly ask that you submit your loved one's name to the
Parish Office or place it on a piece of paper in the collection basket
By December 14, 2025.

St. Thomas More's CHRISTMAS MARKET

Join us for an exciting Christmas Market where you'll find
unique gifts, a magical atmosphere and festive spirit!

**CRAFTS &
OTHER
ITEMS**

**KIDS
ZONE**

**KNIGHTS OF
COLUMBUS
BREAKFAST**



**Sunday,
December 14th** **FREE ENTRY** **11AM-2PM**

ST. THOMAS MORE'S CAROLAN HALL
4427 MOANA DR. SAN ANTONIO, TX 78218



Monday, December 8, 2025 Feast of the Immaculate Conception

IS

a Holy Day of Obligation

Masses at: 8 a.m., Noon, and 6 p.m. (Spanish)

ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN ANTONIO



CALLLED by NAME

**Do you know a young man or woman
(18 years or older) who has
the qualities and calling to become
a priest or religious sister?**

The Archdiocese of San Antonio invites all
parishes to participate in the **CALLLED BY
NAME** program, which begins this weekend.
This initiative provides us with a meaningful
opportunity to pray for vocations, recognize
the gifts and potential for leadership and
service within our parish community, and
encourage individuals to consider sharing their
gifts through the priesthood or religious life.

We invite you to recommend him or her
by completing the response card which is
available in the church. Please place the
completed card in the collection basket next
weekend or return it to the parish office.

SAVocations.org/Called-by-Name



What's an ESA? For many Catholic families, tuition
has felt just out of reach. That changes in 2026 with
Texas's new Education Savings Account (ESA) program.

**Families may receive approximately \$10,000 per
child, per year to cover tuition and approved
education costs.**

Catholic schools are more than classrooms - they are
communities of faith where Christ is at the center of
academics, service, and prayer.

Both new and current families can benefit.

Learn more and sign up for updates:
archsa.org/catholic-schools/esa

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.**la Hora Santa****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.**MAY HE REST IN PEACE**

May God comfort the family and friends of

Floriano Cisneros

who passed away recently.

Our sincere sympathy and assurances of prayers are extended to the Cisneros Family

May He Rest in Peace.

Your are invited to
Christmas Around the World!



COME!! Experience Christmas customs that are celebrated around the world

Visit and take pictures with Santa!
Buy goodies at the mini market

This is a FREE EVENT

Sponsored by the Catholic Daughters

Sunday, December 7, 2025
2pm to 5 pm in Carolan Hall

CHRISTMAS BINGO**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2025****DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 P.M.****GAMES BEGIN AT 6:00 P.M.****4411 MOANA****SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS*****OUTSIDE FOOD AND DRINKS ARE NOT ALLOWED*****SNACKS, SODAS & WATER WILL BE SOLD.****CHALUPA PLATES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE.****PLATES INCLUDE****2 CHALUPAS & RICE FOR \$6.00.****THERE WILL ALSO BE SWEETS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE.****ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT****ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH****St. Vincent de Paul**

Thanksgiving and Christmas are rapidly approaching!



St Vincent de Paul at St. Pius X is once again collecting for its Annual Dinner Programs.

The following items are needed to help feed needy families:

Stuffing Mix, Jars or Packages of Turkey Gravy, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Canned: Green Beans, Cranberry Sauce, Corn, Fruit, Chicken Broth

Cash and gift cards are also welcome and can be dropped off at the St. Pius X Rectory or their St. Vincent de Paul Pantry.

Thank you for your generosity and support to this ministry!

May God Bless You Abundantly!

St. Thomas More Catholic Church & School
Truck Raffle

2025 Ford Ranger XLT

Valued at \$32,453.

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, November 30, 2025**Monday, December 1, 2025**

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

Tuesday, December 2, 2025

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

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, December 3, 2025

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

6:15 pm Guadalupanos Novena Rosary/1 - Church

Thursday, December 4, 2025 - Thanksgiving

5:15 pm Guadalupanos Novena Rosary/2 - Church

6:00 pm Holy Hour - Church

7:00 pm OCIA - Rectory Mtg Room -1

COR Knights - Rectory Dining Room

Friday, December 5, 2025

9:00 am Friday Adoration - Cancelled

6:15 pm Guadalupanos Novena Rosary/3 - Church

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

*** Truck Raffle Ticket Sale - after all Masses This Weekend ***

Saturday, December 6, 2025

8:00 am CDA 'Around the World' Setup - Carolan Hall

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

6:15 pm Guadalupanos Novena Rosary/4 - Church

Sunday, December 7, 2025

10:00 am KC Mass - Church

12:00 pm CDA Christmas Around the World - Carolan Hall

6:15 pm Guadalupanos Novena Rosary/5 - Church

BEING READY
FOR JESUS TO
RETURN IS
LIKE ALWAYS
WEARING
YOUR SEAT
BELT...

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YOU NEVER KNOW
WHEN YOU'RE
GOING TO NEED IT,
AND WHEN YOU DO,
THERE'S NO TIME
TO PUT IT ON.

**Lecturas de la Semana del 1 - 6 dec****Lunes:** Is 4:2-6; Sal 121:1-9; Mt 8:5-11**Martes:** Is 11:1-10; Sal 71:1-2,7-8,12-13,17;
Lc 10:21-24**Miércoles:** Is 25:6-10; Sal 22:1-6; Mt 15:29-37**Jueves:** Is 26:1-6; Sal 117:1,8-9,19-21,25-27;
Mt 7:21,24-27**Viernes:** Is 29:17-24; Sal 26:1,4,13-14; Mt 9:27-31**Sábado:** Is 30:19-21,23-26; Sal 146:1-6;
Mt 9:35-10:1,6-8**Domingo:** Is 11:1-10; Sal 71:1-2,7-8,12-13,17;
Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12**Readings for the week of Dec 1 - 6****Monday:** Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11**Tuesday:** Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17;
Lk 10:21-24**Wednesday:** Is 25:6-10; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37**Thursday:** Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1,8-9,19-21,25-27;
Mt 7:21,24-27**Friday:** Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1,4,13-14; Mt 9:27-31**Saturday:** Is 30:19-21,23-26; Ps 147:1-6;
Mt 9:35-10:1,5,6-8**Sunday:** Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17;
Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12**Mass Intentions****Saturday, November 29, 2025**

5:00 pm

STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased**Sunday, November 30, 2025 - First Sunday of Advent**

8:00 am

10:00 am

†Edmond Ryan, Jr

†Fidel Velasquez

†Tony Negrete

†Una O'Brien

†Vance Gifford

Birthday—Arlett Pereida

†Marcellino Llanas

†Deyanira Tello

†Jose Alcantar & Jesse Alcantar

by Hope Alvarado

by Ana Villalobos

by Ana Villalobos

by Family

by Family

by Talley Family

by Hermanos Tello

by Family

Monday, December 1, 2024

8:00 am

†Martha Brinkmann

by Catherine Ciarrocchi

Tuesday, December 2, 2024

8:00 am

†Teresa Casillas Gomez

Wednesday, December 3, 2025 - St Francis Xavier, Priest

8:00 am

†Baldemar Saldiva

by Wife

Thursday, December 4, 2025 - St. John Damascene, Priest and DoC

8:00 am

†Al Weinheimer

by Carolyn Weinheimer

Friday, December 5, 2025

8:00 am

†Diana Ramirez

by Family

Saturday, December 6, 2025 - St. Nicholas, Bishop

8:00 am

†Kevin McCarthy

5:00 pm

†Jose Luis Maldonado, Jr.

By Mom & Family

Sunday, December 7, 2025 - Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 am

†Anna Belle Biemer

†Tony & Oliva Negrete

†Una O'Brien

Health - Margret Van Cleave**Special Intention - Debra Anne Oliver**

†Juan & Mike Urbano

†Charles & Genevieve Oswald

†Jon Ware

†Vance Gifford

†Medardo E. & Evangelina G. Morales

by Biemer Family

by Ramirez Family

by Ana Villalobos

by Anne Nut

by Mom & Dad

by Urbano Family

by Evancho Family

by Dale

by Family

by Morales/Briseno Families

STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased**Sanctuary Light Intention:**
Edward & Diana Ramiriz

(11/22 - 12/22)

Liturgical Roles**Saturday, December 6, 2025**

5:00 pm

Celebrant - Fr. Ed**Altar Servers - Volunteers****Eucharistic Ministers-** Dcn Tim, R.Saldiva, R.Alvarado,
S.Chapa, C.Lange**Lector - R.Alvarado****Sunday, December 7, 2025**

8 am

Celebrant - Fr. Ed**Altar Servers - Max.Planchon****Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Dennis, R.Castaneda,
Y.Cione, E.Garcia, A.Garza****Lector - S.Castaneda**

10 am

Celebrant - Fr. Man**Altar Servers - M.Pereida, M.Lawson, C.Lawson****Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, KC's****Lector - KC's**

12 pm

Celebrant - Fr. Man**Altar Servers - S.Obregon, A.Gomez, E.Ruiz****Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, C.Hernandez, M.Pina,
E.Obregon, R.Gomez, F.Hernandez, I.Hernandez****Lector - D+F.Malacara**



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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David Bernal at 210.669.5899

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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
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Christmas Bingo

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11,
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&
Billy Sheridan
on behalf of
The Family**

St. Thomas More Guadalupanos Society
Invite all men & women to our group.
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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
enforcement or CPS at any time.
All calls or emails will be
responded to within 48 hours.



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Ruben Sr. & Beatrice
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**In Memory of
Jose Luis
Maldonado Jr.
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on behalf of**

**The Maldonado Family &
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on behalf of
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