



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

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Cesar Paez & Vicky Smith.

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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

210.655.5070 (Office)

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Gospel Meditation:

I've been hiking Camelback Mountain in Phoenix, Arizona most of my life. It is a vigorous forty-five minutes to the top. Near the peak, the end suddenly appears much further away, and steeper. At that moment, a descending hiker often offers encouragement: "Keep going! The peak is right there. It's not as far as it looks. You can do it!" It usually works. After another five minute push, you summit and enjoy a glorious panorama of the Sonoran Desert in the Valley of the Sun.

When Jesus is asked about how many people are saved, he says: "Strive to enter through the narrow gate" (Luke 13:24). How many? Strive! Focus on your journey. What does heavenly census taking have to do with you or me? How would it help a hiker on a mountain to ask the others coming down, "How many people are going to make it to the top?" A normal response would be something like: "How is that a relevant question? Carry on!"

Jesus links one virtue directly to salvation: perseverance (cf. Matt 24:13; hypomone in Greek). Strive! Endure! Keep going! The one absolutely necessary virtue is perseverance, to not give up on our journey. The mountain we struggle to climb is often our own weakness, failures, and sins. Persevere in prayer. Keep celebrating the sacraments. Embrace daily duties. With God's grace, you are strong enough to keep going. Perhaps the peak is not as far away as you might fear. Keep going!

— Father John Muir

Meditación del Evangelio:

He estado caminando por Camelback Mountain en Phoenix, Arizona la mayor parte de mi vida. Son cuarenta y cinco minutos vigorosos hasta la cima. Cerca de la cima, el final de repente aparece mucho más lejos y más empinado. En ese momento, un excursionista que desciende a menudo ofrece aliento: "¡Sigue adelante! El pico está justo ahí. No es tan lejos como parece. ¡Puedes hacerlo!" Por lo general, funciona. Después de otro empujón de cinco minutos, llegará a la cima y disfrutará de un glorioso panorama del desierto de Sonora en el Valle del Sol.

Cuando se le pregunta a Jesús sobre cuántas personas se salvan, dice: "Esfuérzate por entrar por la puerta estrecha" (Lucas 13:24). ¿Cuántos? ¡Esforzarse! Concéntrate en tu viaje. ¿Qué tiene que ver el censo celestial contigo o conmigo? ¿Cómo ayudaría a un excursionista en una montaña preguntar a los demás que bajan: "¿Cuántas personas van a llegar a la cima?" Una respuesta normal sería algo como: "¿Cómo es esa una pregunta relevante? ¡Continúe!"

Jesús vincula una virtud directamente con la salvación: la perseverancia (cf. Mt 24,13; hypomone en griego). ¡Esforzarse! ¡Durar! ¡Sigue! La única virtud absolutamente necesaria es la perseverancia, para no renunciar a nuestro viaje. La montaña que luchamos por escalar es a menudo nuestra propia debilidad, fracasos y pecados. Persevera en la oración. Sigue celebrando los sacramentos. Acepta los deberes diarios. Con la gracia de Dios, eres lo suficientemente fuerte como para seguir adelante. Quizás el pico no esté tan lejos como podría temer. ¡Sigue!

YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

August 10, 2025

Sunday Collection	\$ 5213.92
Vigil Candles.....	\$ 283.96
STM School.....	\$ 931.00
Mass Intentions.....	\$ 55.00
Holy Day	\$894.00



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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*



ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH
4411 MOANA DRIVE
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WILL BE HAVING THEIR
FALL NEIGHBORHOOD MARKETPLACE
ON OCTOBER 18, 2025
9:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VENDORS TO SELL THEIR
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WE WILL ALSO HAVE BINGO, CHICKEN BBQ PLATES,
SODAS, WATER AND A BASKET RAFFLE AMONG
OTHER THINGS.

COST FOR SPACE
10 x10 SPACE - \$45.00
(DOES NOT INCLUDE TABLE OR CHAIRS)

THERE WILL BE A \$20.00 NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT
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FULL PAYMENT FOR SPACE MUST BE PAID
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PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT
MAGGIE BRISEÑO
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WITH ANY QUESTIONS.

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS
FRIDAY OCTOBER 10, 2025.



Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)



*Are you, or someone you know, interested in joining the Catholic Faith?
Are you a Baptized Catholic and would like to complete your Sacraments of Initiation?
(Holy Communion and / or Confirmation)*

Are you a Catholic? - or not - and, just want to know more about Our Faith?

*I invite you to join us on Thursday evenings beginning Sept 4th at 7 pm (mark your calendar)
in the Rectory Meeting Room*

All you need to bring... is yourself!

Hope to see you there! DT

Registration for our Religious Education Classes is coming soon!!

Registration has begun and will continue through August 29, 2025
at the parish office,
Monday-Friday 9am to 3pm.

Classes Begin as follows:

English	- September 14 th
Spanish	- September 20 th
Confirmation	- September 28 th

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 ha comenzado 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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ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SEPT 13 Saturday 2:00-5:00 PM LUNCH INCLUDED

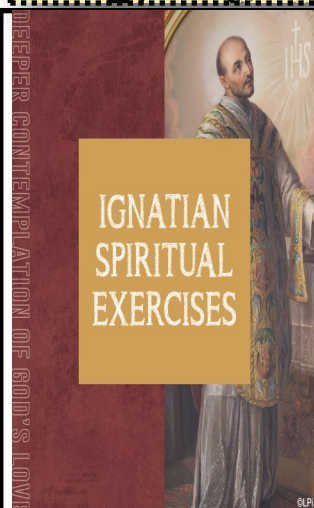
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Ignatian Spiritual Exercises, Explained!

The Ignatian Spiritual Exercises are prayers and meditations developed by St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Society of Jesus (commonly referred to as the Jesuits).

St. Ignatius of Loyola (1492-1556) was born to a noble Basque family. In his youth, he spent time at the Royal Court of Castile and fought in the Spanish army. He experienced a profound religious conversion during a long period of convalescence following a battle injury. Living in a cave outside of Manresa, he began to keep the journal that became the basis of the famous Spiritual Exercises.

The Spiritual Exercises are meant to accompany souls on a journey toward deeper contemplation of God's love and a more meaningful understanding of his call to discipleship in the life of each person. Divided into four stages, or "weeks," the exercises focus on the interior movements of the heart to unveil the will of God.

¡Ejercicios Espirituales Ignacianos, Explicados!

Los Ejercicios Espirituales Ignacianos son oraciones y meditaciones desarrolladas por San Ignacio de Loyola, el fundador de la Compañía de Jesús (comúnmente conocidos como los Jesuitas).

San Ignacio de Loyola (1492-1556) nació en el seno de una noble familia vasca. En su juventud, pasó un tiempo en La Corte Real de Castilla y luchó en el ejército español. Experimentó una profunda conversión religiosa durante un largo período de convalecencia tras una herida de guerra. Viviendo en una cueva a las afueras de Manresa, comenzó a llevar el diario que se convirtió en la base de los famosos Ejercicios Espirituales.

Los Ejercicios Espirituales están destinados a acompañar a las almas en un viaje hacia una contemplación más profunda del amor de Dios y una comprensión más significativa de su llamado al discipulado en la vida de cada persona. Divididos en cuatro etapas, o "semanas", los ejercicios se centran en los movimientos interiores del corazón para develar la voluntad de Dios.

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This Week at Our Parish

Sunday, August 24, 2025
 8:00 am Grupo de Oracion Chicharrones Sale - Church
 10:00 am CDA Mass- Church

Monday, August 25, 2025

Tuesday, August 26 2025
 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, August 27, 2025
 6:00 pm KC 4th degree Meeting - Carolan Hall

Thursday, August 28 2025
 6:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Group - Church

Friday, August 29 2025
 12pm Friday Adoration - Church
 5:00 pm Grupo de Oracion - Carolan Hall

Saturday, August 30, 2025
 8:00 am Grupo de Oracion Retreat
 5:00pm Bethlehem Nativity Sale

Sunday, August 31, 2025
 8:00 am Grupo de Oracion Retreat
 8:00 am Bethlehem Nativity Sale



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Lecturas de la Semana del 18-24 Agosto**

Lunes: Jgs2:11-19/Ps106:34-35,36-37,39-40,43ab and44/Mt 19:16-22

Martes: Jgs6:11-24a/Ps85:9,1-12,13-14/Mt19:23-30

Mercoles: Jgs11:29-39a/Ps21:2-3,4-5,6-7/Mt20:1-16

Jueves: Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps40:5,7 -8a, 8b-9, 10/Mt 22: 1-14

Viernes: Ru1:1,3-6, 14b-16,22/Ps 146:5-6ab,6c-7,8-9a,9bc-10/Mt 22: 34-40

Sabado: Ru 2:1-3,8-11:4:13-17/Ps128:1b-2,3,4,5/Mt23:1-12

Domingo:Is66:18-21/Ps117:1,2(Mk16:15)/Heb125-7, 11-13/Lk13:22-30

Readings for the week of Aug 18-24

Mon: Jgs2:11-19/Ps106:34-35,36-37,39-40,43ab and44/Mt 19:16-22

Tues: Jgs6:11-24a/Ps85:9,1-12,13-14/Mt19:23-30

Wed: Jgs11:29-39a/Ps21:2-3,4-5,6-7/Mt20:1-16

Thurs: Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mt 22: 1-14

Fri: Ru1:1,3-6, 14b-16,22/Ps 146:5-6ab,6c-7,8-9a,9bc-10/Mt 22: 34-40

Sat: Ru 2:1-3,8-11:4:13-17/Ps128:1b-2,3,4,5/Mt23:1-12

Sun:Is66:18-21/Ps117:1,2(Mk16:15)/Heb125-7,11-13/Lk13:22-30

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 23, 2025
 5:00 pm †Alejandro & Violeta Cantu by Juanita Cantu
 †Eladio Alvarado by Ruben & Hope
 †Guadalupe Velasquez by Ruben & Hope
 †Maria Jesusita Domiguez by Ruben & Hope
Birthday Anahye Jordan

Sunday, August 24, 2025 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 am † Fabien & Anna Belle Biemer by Biemer Family
 † Dzuik & Dupnik Families by Biemer Family
 † Rafael Garza by Theresa Garza
 † Edward & Diana Ramirez by Pablo & Irene
 † Flipe Gonzales by Nora Gonzales
 10:00 am **STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased**
 12:00 pm † Jose Guadalupe Hernandez by STM Family

Monday, August 25, 2024
 8:00 am †Mr.&Mrs. Edward Richter by Daughter

Tuesday, August 26, 2024
 8:00 am †Margarita Velasquez by Hope Alvarado

Wednesday, August 27, 2025
 8:00 am † Jim , Mathew & Olivia Corona by Dianna Duran

Thursday, August 28, 2025
 8:00 am †Martha Garcia

Friday, August 29, 2025 -
 8:00 am †Charles & Genevieve Oswald by Oswald Family

Saturday, August 30, 2025 -
 8:00 am † Peter Fitzgerald
 5:00 pm **STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased**

Sunday, August 31, 2025 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 am †Catherine Bormann
 10:00am † Richard Ramirez by Family
 † Ramon Torres Martinez by Theresa Garza
 † Martha C Garcia by Guadalupanos
 † Katherine G Martinez by Guadalupanos
 † Virginia Sanchez by Guadalupanos
 † Jose Guadalupe Hernandez by STM Family
 † Jesus and Juana Silerio by Melissa Silerio
 † Beatriz Gonzales Hernandez by Familia
 † Gomez Deceased Family by Raul and Mary Gomez

**Sanctuary Light Intention:*****Rebecca Hartsfield***

(8/95 - 9/09)

Liturgical Roles**Saturday, August 30 , 2025**

5:00 pm **Altar Servers** - Volunteers
Eucharistic Ministers- Dcn Dennis , B. Trevino ,
 B. Hernandez , S. Chapa ,T. Guerrero
Lector - J. Hernandez

Sunday, August 31, 2025

8 am **Altar Servers** - Max.Planchon
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim , A. Garza, P. Klar,
 M. Ngyuen , R. Saldiva
Lector - T. Garza

10 am **Altar Servers** - A. Mata , M. Pereida, B Pereida
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim ,N. Rodriguez, V.
 Smith ,M. Aguirre, M. Briseno , N+L Carrizales
Lector - M. Briseno

12 pm **Altar Servers** - A.Gomez, S.Obregon, M. Gonzales
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando , C.Hernandez, J. Hernandez, H. Gomez , D+F Malacara, R. Gomez
Lector - L.Lopez / E Obregon



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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 Memory of
Christina C. Dominguez
on behalf of
The Dominguez Family



In Memory

of
Jose (Joe) Galvan,
Joseph (Jge) 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

**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
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In Memory of
Dr. Steven D. Sprague
on behalf of
The Sprague Family



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on behalf of
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The Dominguez Family



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