

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.

The Baptism of the Lord

January 12, 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."

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St. Thomas More Catholic School
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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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4411 Moana Drive
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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:

In my second year of theology studies, I went to confession to a priest visiting the seminary for a three-day retreat. My heart wasn't in it. I was going through the motions. I confessed my sins and waited for his response. The priest said, "For your penance, I'd like you to go into the chapel and repeat the words 'You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased' (Luke 3:22) until they mean something to you." Easy penance, I thought.

But to my surprise, I struggled to say those words. I sensed a strong interior resistance blocking them. How could God be well-pleased with me? He couldn't be, I thought. A battle within me ensued. Two hours later, the resistance vanished, and I found myself able to speak, and claim as my own, those marvelous words. I emerged from the chapel with a new, deep, peaceful conviction that I was indeed God's beloved son.

Those words are a precious gift from heaven to all of us. Jesus' baptism, which we celebrate this week, offers them to us. Are we willing to receive these words anew? Many things can block this deepening of our baptismal identity: failings, sins, disappointments, traumas, problems, and so on. Yet God's love is always greater. This week I challenge you to prayerfully repeat these words over yourself — or perhaps over someone you're struggling to love — until those words find a home in your heart.

— Father John Muir

Meditación del Evangelio:

En mi segundo año de estudios de teología, fui a confesarme con un sacerdote que visitaba el seminario para un retiro de tres días. Mi corazón no estaba en eso. Estaba siguiendo los movimientos. Confesé mis pecados y esperé su respuesta. El sacerdote dijo: "Por tu penitencia, quiero que entres en la capilla y repitas las palabras: 'Tú eres mi Hijo amado, en ti me complazco' (Lucas 3:22) hasta que signifiquen algo para ti". Penitencia fácil, pensé.

Pero para mi sorpresa, me costó decir esas palabras. Percibí una fuerte resistencia interior que los bloqueaba. ¿Cómo podría Dios estar complacido conmigo? No podía ser, pensé. Se produjo una batalla dentro de mí. Dos horas más tarde, la resistencia se desvaneció, y me encontré en condiciones de hablar y reclamar como mías esas maravillosas palabras. Salí de la capilla con una nueva, profunda y pacífica convicción de que yo era realmente el hijo amado de Dios.

Esas palabras son un precioso regalo del cielo para todos nosotros. El bautismo de Jesús, que celebramos esta semana, nos los ofrece. ¿Estamos dispuestos a recibir estas palabras de nuevo? Muchas cosas pueden bloquear esta profundización de nuestra identidad bautismal: fracasos, pecados, decepciones, traumas, problemas, etc. Sin embargo, el amor de Dios es siempre más grande. Esta semana te reto a que repitas estas palabras en oración sobre ti mismo, o tal vez sobre alguien a quien estés luchando por amar, hasta que esas palabras encuentren un hogar en tu corazón.

— Father John Muir

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January 5, 2025

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Vigil Candles.....	\$ 333.76
Facilities Improvement.....	\$ 2.00
School.....	\$ 356.00
Christmas Offering.....	\$ 120.00
Donations	\$ 50.00
Mass Intentions.....	\$ 30.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	\$ 1,446.25
Mother's Day Novena.....	\$ 2.00

*Second Collection Jan 18 - 19:
to Support our STM School*



PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons.

Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call.

May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen



THANK YOU MUSIC MINISTRY!!

This may be a little late but...

Thank you to our Music Ministry / Cantors for the fantastic job they did at our Christmas Liturgies! It was a hectic schedule but as usual... you did a fantastic job!

We appreciate your dedication and all that you do for us at **all** of our liturgical celebrations.

Once again... Thank you... and may God bless and keep you through out the coming year.

Fr Ed and your fellow parishioners.

YOU ARE JOYFULLY INVITED

St. Thomas More Church and School's

60th Anniversary

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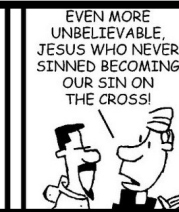
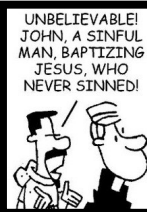
St. Thomas More Guadalupanos **Kickapoo Lucky Eagle Casino** **Bus Trip**

\$40 per person

Monday, February 17, 2025
(Presidents Day)

Meet at Carolan Hall Parking Lot

For more information contact:
Clem Davila @ (210) 723-7985





The Baptism of the Lord

Baptism is so incredibly important for the salvation of humankind, not only eternally but here and now. Our existence depends upon it. It gives us the affirmation we need from God by gifting us with the same intimate relationship Jesus had with the Father.

We are blessed with the direction and clear purpose we need in order to be productive stewards and faithful Christians. Baptism calls us to remember, accept, and deal with the sins and inequities of our past regardless of how hurtful and serious.

We consciously choose to turn away from them and put on the new life of Christ.

To do this well, we must look hard and long at our sins and failings, listen to what they are saying and learn from them. If we ignore the past, collectively or personally, or pretend that it never happened, we will never grow. We will surely die.

People need to hear the message, lived and spoken, delivered by the baptized members of the Body of Christ. It is an essential message of hope that is layered with visions of justice, peace, reconciliation, redemption, blessing, and healing. It is a message that helps us remember what has gone before, the graces and the sins, and bring ourselves by God's help where we need to be.

We are called to do much more than sit home behind our closed doors.

We have a message to deliver... *Are we ready to do so?*

El Bautismo del Señor

Con la fiesta del Bautismo del Señor se termina el ciclo de la Navidad. El Bautismo del Señor es como una nueva Epifanía o manifestación. "Jesús, el Mesías enviado por Dios", se manifiesta al pueblo para salvarlo.

En este Evangelio se manifiestan dos voces.

La voz de Juan que dice: "Detrás de mí viene uno con más poder que yo. Yo no soy digno de desatar la correa de sus sandalias, aunque fuera arrodillándome ante él. "El mensaje de Juan es simple pero muy claro. Desaparecer él para que Jesús crezca. No menciona su nombre, pero sí, su grandeza y la magnitud de su humildad. Juan se considera indigno, inclusive de arrodillarse ante él. Jesús, es el Hijo de Dios.

La segunda voz, es la Divina, se escucha desde el cielo. "Al momento de salir del agua, Jesús vio los Cielos abiertos: el Espíritu bajaba sobre él como lo hace la paloma, mientras se escuchaban estas palabras del Cielo: "Tu eres mi Hijo, el Amado, mi Elegido." (Marcos 1:10-11). Jesús, es el predilecto del Padre.

Por eso esas palabras hermosas.

La liturgia de este domingo es un llamado a la comunidad parroquial para no quebrantarse en los momentos difíciles que está pasando. Nuestro compromiso como bautizado, por el contrario, debe salir a flote en cada momento de la vida cotidiana.

Como hijo-hija predilecto de Dios debemos seguir a Jesús como único camino. Cada día el deber del bautizado es conocer más y más a Jesucristo, caminando hacia su interior para dar paso al diálogo sincero que torna la vida a Dios.

¡Goza tu bautismo, goza el ser hijo-hija de Dios haciendo el bien!

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This Week at Our Parish

Sunday, January 12, 2025
8:00 am KoC Breakfast - *Carolán Hall*
6:15 pm Guadalupeanos Monthly Rosary - *Church*

Monday, January 13, 2024
5:30 pm STMG Board Mtg - *Rectory Mtg Room*
6:00 pm KC 3Degree General Mtg - *Carolán Hall*
6:30 pm Homebound Ministry Grp Mtg - *Rectory Mtg Room-1*

Tuesday, January 14, 2024
5:30 pm Divine Mercy - *Rectory Mtg Room*
6:30 pm Coro Alegria Choir Practice - *Rectory Mtg Room-1*
Pastoral Council Mtg - *Rectory Mtg Room-2*
7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion Choir Practice - *Church*

Wednesday, January 15, 2025
9:00 am Eucharistic Adoration Study Grp - *Rectory Mtg Room*

Thursday, January 16, 2025
5:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Grp - *Church*
7:00 pm OCIA - *Rectory Mtg Room*

Friday, January 17, 2025
1:00 pm Friday Adoration - *Church*
7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion Fellowship - *Carolán Hall*

Saturday, January 18, 2025
3:30 pm Cenaculo de la Divina Misericordia - *Rectory Mtg Rm*

Sunday, January 19, 2025
8:00 am Guadalupeanos Mass & Meeting - *Church / Carolán Hall*

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 11, 2025
5:00 pm **STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased**

Sunday, January 12, 2025 - the Baptism of the Lord
8:00 am †Paul Nguyen by Thuy Nguyen
10:00 am †Lauro & Lupe Vargas by Vargas Family
†Catarina Rosas by Rosas Family
†Salome H. & Carolina B. Biseno by Briseno/Morales Family
†Genevieve Oswald by Evancho Family
12:00 pm †Bernardo Hernandez by Hernandez Family

Monday, January 13, 2024 - St. Hilary, Bishop and DoC
8:00 am **Birthday—Kingston McMurtry** by Rosa Saldiva

Tuesday, January 14, 2024
8:00 am †Valencia Valenzuela by Rosa Saldiva

Wednesday, January 15, 2025
8:00 am †Edmond McCarthy

Thursday, January 16, 2025
8:00 am †Bishop John Yanta

Friday, January 17, 2025 - St. Anthony, Abbott
8:00 am †Catherine Bormann

Saturday, January 18, 2025 - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Begins
8:00 am **Health - Ramon Mata, Jr**
5:00 pm †Edward & Katey Shortner by Biermer Family
†Albina Vahalik by Perez Family

Sunday, January 19, 2025 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am **STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased**
10:00 am †Phoebe Stensland
12:00 pm †Roberto Rosas, Sr by Rosas Family
†Martha Rivera by Rosas Family



Sanctuary Light Intention:
Deacon Rolando Guerra

Lecturas de la Semana del 13 - 19 enero

Lunes: Heb 1:1-6; Sal 96:1,2,6,7,9; Mc 1:14-20
Martes: Heb 2:5-12; Sal 8:2,5-9; Mc 1:21-28
Miércoles: Heb 2:14-18; Sal 104:1-4,6-9;
Mc 1:29-39
Jueves: Heb 3:7-14; Sal 94:6-11; Mc 1:40-45
Viernes: Heb 4:1-5,11; Sal 77:3,4,6-8; Mc 2:1-12
Sábado: Heb 4:12-16; Sal 18:8-10,15; Mc 2:13-17
Domingo: Is 62:1-5; Sal 95:1-3,7-10; 1Co 12:4-11;
Jn 2:1-11

Readings for the week of Jan 13 - 19

Monday: Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1,2,6,7,9; Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2,5-9; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4,6-9;
Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45
Friday: Heb 4:1-5,11; Ps 78:3,4,6-8; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10,15; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday: Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3,7-10; 1Cor 12:4-11;
Jn 2:1-11

Final 2024 Archbishop's Appeal for Ministries
as of January 3, 2025

Parish Goal: \$16,711.
Pledges & Gifts: \$24,143.
Amt Over: \$ 7,432.
Donor Count: 90

Many thanks to those who have contributed...
May God bless you for your willingness to do good
so as to win the life that is true life.

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, January 18, 2025
5:00 pm **Altar Servers** - Volunteers
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Jim, R.Saldiva, T.Guerrero,
C.Lange, S.Chapa
Lector - M.Fisher

Sunday, January 19, 2025
8 am **Altar Servers** - Mem.Planchon, Max.Planchon
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, E.Garcia,
M.Nguyen, M.Aguirre, R.Saldiva
Lector - O.Weich
10 am **Altar Servers** - A.Mata, A.Hartsfield, C.Hartsfield
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, N.Lawson, Ali.Perez,
N.Rodriguez, H.Rodriguez, Sr.Faustina
Lector - M.Briseno
12 pm **Altar Servers** - S.Obregon, A.Gomez,A.Llanas
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Jim, C.Hernandez, A.Chavez,
E.Obregon, M.Pina, D+F.Malacara
Lector - I.Hernandez / H.Gomez



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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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on behalf of
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Out Monthly Meeting & Fellowship Meets
The 3rd Sunday of the month, after the
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Will Torres at 210.620.2745

**Archdiocese of San Antonio
Procedures for Reporting Abuse**
If you or someone you know has been a
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you wish to file a complaint:
Contact the Office of Victim
Assistance & Safe Environment at
(210) 734-7786 OR (877) 700-1888
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