

# Welcome to St. Thomas More Catholic Church

Thank you for celebrating with us today!

We warmly welcome you to our humble place of worsh ip, 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.
 8:00 a.m.

 10:00 a.m.
 12:00 p.m.

"The parish does not ask for favors either by email or text to parishioners asking to purchase gift cards of any sort."

(Español)

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Coordinator *Alicia Perez,* Alli Fuentes, Cesar Paez, Sylvia Garcia, Noe Carrizales, & 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

Parochial Vicar - Rev. Man Nguyen

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Deacon (RET) Timothy M. Tate, Sr. . . . . . EXT. 106

Deacon - Rolando Guerra

Deacon - Dennis Caballero

Administrative Assistant - Monica Aguirre...... EXT. 100

Bookkeeper - Rhonda Villalobos

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Martha Guerra..... EXT 101

Facilities Manager – Jose Luis Hernandez

St. Thomas More Catholic Church 4411 Moana Drive San Antonio, Texas 78218

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 WEBSITE:

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# Gospel Meditation:

I lost my wallet this year. It was such an annoyance to replace everything in it. A friend, moved by sympathy, gave me a beautiful new one. One month later I lost that one, too, with all my newly replaced cards. No matter what I did, I couldn't find what I had lost. I resigned myself to never seeing either of my wallets again.

Fortunately, the Lord Jesus is not like me in this regard. In today's Gospel (John 6:37–40), he says, "This is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what he gave me." Jesus, unlike me, is ever vigilant with what the Father has given him. He searches for every lost soul as the shepherd leaves the ninety-nine to pursue the one lost sheep, or the woman rejoices upon recovering a lost coin — and even descends to the depths of loss on the cross and into the realm of the dead to recover that which seems forever lost.

On All Souls' Day, as we remember our faithful departed, these words kindle a hope beyond hope in our hearts. Even the dead are not lost to Jesus, though they may seem so to us. Nothing entrusted to him by the Father is ever truly lost. So, we may hope that every soul, no matter how wandering or forgotten in life, is secure in his loving care and destined to be raised on the last day. Of what the Father gives him, he loses nothing.

— Father John Muir

# Meditación del Evangelio:

Perdí mi billetera este año. Fue una molestia reemplazar todo lo que había en él. Un amigo, movido por la simpatía, me regaló uno nuevo y hermoso. Un mes después también perdí esa, con todas mis tarjetas recién reemplazadas. No importa lo que hiciera, no podía encontrar lo que había perdido. Me resigné a no volver a ver ninguna de mis billeteras.

Afortunadamente, el Señor Jesús no es como yo en este sentido. En el Evangelio de hoy (Juan 6:37-40), dice: "Esta es la voluntad del que me envió: que no pierda nada de lo que me dio".

Jesús, a diferencia de mí, está siempre vigilante con lo que el Padre le ha dado. Busca a cada alma perdida, como el pastor deja las noventa y nueve para perseguir a la oveja perdida, o la mujer se regocija al recuperar una moneda perdida, e incluso desciende a las profundidades de la pérdida en la cruz y al reino de los muertos para recuperar lo que parece perdido para siempre.

En el Día de los Fieles Difuntos, al recordar a nuestros fieles difuntos, estas palabras encienden una esperanza más allá de toda esperanza en nuestros corazones. Ni siquiera los muertos están perdidos para Jesús, aunque nos lo parezcan a nosotros. Nada de lo que el Padre le ha confiado se pierde realmente. Por lo tanto, podemos esperar que cada alma, sin importar cuán errante u olvidada sea en la vida, esté segura en su cuidado amoroso y destinada a ser resucitada en el último día. De lo que el Padre le da, no pierde nada.

— Padre John Muir

#### YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

## October 26, 2025

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Vigil Candles\$	151.63
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Mass Intentions\$	25.00
School\$	800.40
Donations\$	20.00
All Souls Day\$	45.00
All Saints Day\$	30.00
Market Place\$	386.00
Truck Raffle\$	1,100.00

Second Collection: Nov 8 - 9 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

# Question: What do Catholics believe about the resurrection of the dead?

**Answer:** Every Sunday, we proclaim in the Creed that we believe "in the resurrection of the body." Does that mean Christ's resurrection or our own? **Both!** Jesus' resurrection is part of the work of salvation, but it's also a sign of what's to come. While death separates our bodies and our souls, this was not the intention of God when He first created us. It's an effect of original sin. At the end of time, our bodies and our souls will be reunited.

Scientifically, we may have questions about this, since bodies decompose over the course of centuries. Or what about the saints, whose relics are spread around the earth? How the resurrection will happen is a mystery. But we know that our resurrected body will be *our* body. If we are in heaven, our body will be in a glorified state. Some theologians speculate what this glorification will be like based on Jesus' resurrected body. Will we be able to walk through walls? Will we eat, since Jesus broke bread with his disciples? We don't really know the answers to these questions. We do know, however, that we will be free from the effects of the fall (such as sickness and pain) and physical defects that occurred in life. Christ redeems us as whole persons, body and soul!

# Pregunta: ¿Qué creen los católicos sobre la resurrección de los muertos?

Respuesta: Todos los domingos, proclamamos en el Credo que creemos "en la resurrección de la carne". ¿Significa eso la resurrección de Cristo o la nuestra? ¡Ambos! La resurrección de Jesús es parte de la obra de salvación, pero también es una señal de lo que está por venir. Si bien la muerte separa nuestros cuerpos y nuestras almas, esta no era la intención de Dios cuando nos creó por primera vez. Es un efecto del pecado original. Al final de los tiempos, nuestros cuerpos y nuestras almas se reunirán.

Científicamente, podemos tener preguntas al respecto, ya que los cuerpos se descomponen a lo largo de los siglos. ¿O qué pasa con los santos, cuyas reliquias están esparcidas por la tierra?

Cómo sucederá la resurrección es un misterio. Pero sabemos que nuestro cuerpo resucitado será *nuestro* cuerpo. Si estamos en el cielo, nuestro cuerpo estará en un estado glorificado. Algunos teólogos especulan cómo será esta glorificación basada en el cuerpo resucitado de Jesús.

¿Seremos capaces de atravesar muros? ¿Comeremos, ya que Jesús partió el pan con sus discípulos? Realmente no sabemos las respuestas a estas preguntas. Sin embargo, sí sabemos que estaremos libres de los efectos de la caída (como la enfermedad y el dolor) y de los defectos físicos que ocurrieron en la vida. ¡Cristo nos redime como personas completas, en cuerpo y alma!

ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN ANTONIO



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 **CALLED 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

Arquidiócesis de San Antonio



¿Conoces a un joven (de 18 años o más) que tenga las cualidades y la vocación para ser sacerdote o religiosa?

La Arquidiócesis de San Antonio invita a todas las parroquias a participar en el programa **LLAMADOS POR SU NOMBRE**, que comienza este fin de semana. Esta iniciativa nos brinda una valiosa oportunidad para orar por las vocaciones, reconocer los dones y el potencial de liderazgo y servicio dentro de nuestra comunidad parroquial, y animar a los jóvenes a considerar la vocación al sacerdocio o la vida religiosa.

Te invitamos a recomendarlo(a) llenando la tarjeta de respuesta, disponible en la iglesia. Por favor coloca la tarjeta en la canasta de la colecta el próximo fin de semana o entréguela en la oficina parroquial.

SAVocations.org/Called-by-Name



It is just amazing to me how God "talks" to us!! With our celebrations of All Saints Day and All Souls Day, I was thinking well... it may be a little late but something about our dearly departed... and praying for them leaching might be in order (anyone who knows me knows I am an advocate for the Holy Souls in Purgatory and intercessory prayer / indulgences for them). Thank you for the suggestion God.

Then... getting a little lazy I realized it would be a *l-o-n-g* article and would / should probably cross over 2 or more weeks... and I started having second thoughts. Then, while "*making the rounds*" saying hello to people before Mass one day a lady approached me and asked if I knew about Purgatory.

Of course I said I was aware of it... she then stated that someone (a priest) had told her (in a group) that Purgatory did not exist. But she was sure that it did and that it was our last chance to repent and would decide if we were going to heaven or hell. I was somewhat taken aback... and told her that if a soul was in Purgatory they were going to heaven.. it was just a matter of time (of course there is no time in purgatory / eternity but for us on earth we think time). She also asked about Limbo but Mass was ready to begin and I had to get back with Father. I haven't seen her since. Yes, Lord, I hear you.

Ok- I began thinking about a Purgatory topic again but once again... on the back burner. Then out of the blue, someone gave me a DVD titled "PURGATORY, the Forgotten Church." Yes, God, I get the picture!!

So I began to pray a little more... a little harder... wondering 'Is this for real? Or, am I just setting things up to write a l-o-n-g Deacon's Corner?' I prayed and asked Our Lord for just one more sign... something I couldn't manufacture myself (should I even be asking for a sign?? After all... the initial inspiration... the woman in church... and the DVD... weren't these signs enough?)

Well... you're not going to believe this but some friends and fellow parishioners visited me in the office. They had a question... "Is Purgatory real?" It seems they had recently attended a Rosary / funeral service for a friend and the priest, in his homily, told everyone to forget everything / anything they may have been taught about Purgatory... it does not exist! We all pretty much go to heaven because Jesus died for our sins! (at least I think that, or something similar, is what was said...).

Anyway... I thank you Lord, God!! You can quit beating me over the head now. We may have to wait until next week to really get into this but get ready for Purgatory-101. In addition to Purgatory we may "hit" on Suffering as well. Another friend told me we are here on earth to suffer. We may as well talk a bit about that also.

Sorry... I was hoping to really get into this topic a little deeper today but the intro "stuff" seemed important to share.

'till next time... God Bless- dt



**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

**¿Qué es una ESA?** Para muchas familias católicas, la colegiatura parecía fuera de alcance. Eso cambia en 2026 con el nuevo programa de Cuentas de Ahorro para la Educación (ESA) en Texas.

Las familias podrán recibir aprox. \$10,000 por hijo, por año para cubrir colegiatura y gastos educativos.

Las escuelas católicas son más que salones de clase - son comunidades de fe con Cristo al centro del estudio, el servicio y la oración. Familias nuevas y actuales pueden aprovecharlo.

Infórmate y registrate para novedades: archsa.org/catholic-schools/esa

St. Thomas More Catholic Church		
Sunday,	This Week at Our Parish  Ticket Sale - after all Masses ***  November 2, 2025 - All Souls Day	
10:00 am <b>Monday,</b> 5:30 pm	KoC Mass - Church  November 3, 2025  Guadalupanos Board Mtg - Rectory Mtg Room-1	
<b>Tuesday,</b> 10:30 am 5:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	November 4, 2025 Charismatic Prayer Grp - Rectory Mtg Room-1 Divine Mercy - Rectory Mtg Room-1 Leaders Meeting—Hall Coro Alegria Choir Practice - Rectory Mtg Room-1 Grupo de Oracion Choir Practice - Church	
Wednesday, November 5, 2025 6:00 pm KC 3Degree Officers Mtg - Carolan Hall		
Thursday,	November 6, 2025 Holy Hour / Charismatic Prayer Group - Church	

7:00 pm OCÍA - Rectory Mtg Room-Í Friday, November 7, 2025

9:00 am

Friday Adoration - Church

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

Truck Raffle after all Masses \*\*\* Saturday, November 8, 2025

ESA Town Hall Mtg (Spanish) - Carolan Hall 9:00 an 3:30 pm Cenaculo de la Divina Misericordia - Rectory Mtg Rm-1

Sunday, November 9, 2025 KC Breakfast - Carolan Hall 8:00 am

8:00 am Guadalupanos Bake Sale -All masses

9:00 am ESA Town Hall Mtg (English) - Library





# **Sanctuary Light Intention:** Luz Maria Salinas

(10/18 - 11/18)

#### Lecturas de la Semana del 3 - 9 nov

**Lunes**: Rom 11:29-36; Sal 68:30-31,33-34,36; Lc 14:12-14 Martes: Rom 12:5-16; Sal 130:1-3; Lc 14:15-24 **Miércoles**: Rom 13:8-10; Sal 111:1-2,4-5,9; Lc 14:25-33 Jueves: Rom 14:7-12; Sal 26:1,4,13-14; Lc 15:1-10 Rom 15:14-21; Sal 97:1-4; Lc 16:1-8 Viernes: Sábado: Rom 16:3-9,16,22-27; Sal 144:2-5,10-11;

Lc 16:9-15

**Domingo**: Ez 47:1-2,8-9,12; Sal 45:2-3,5-6,8-9; 1Co 3:9-11,16-17; Jn 2:13-22

#### Readings for the week of Nov 3 - 9

**Mon**: Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69:30-31,33-34,36; Lk 14:12-14 **Tues**: Rom 12:5-16; Ps 131:1-3; Lk 14:15-24

**Wed**: Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1-2,4-5,9; Lk 14:25-33 **Thurs**: Rom 14:7-12; Ps 27:1,4,13-14; Lk 15:1-10

Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 16:1-8 Fri:

Rom 16:3-9,16,22-27; Ps 145:2-5,10-11; Lk 16:9-15 Sat:

Ez 47:1-2,8-9,12; Ps 46:2-3,5-6,8-9; Sun: 1Cor 3:9-11,16-17; Jn 2:13-22

#### **Mass Intentions**

November 1, 2025 - All Saints Day / NOT a Holy Day of Obligation Saturday, by Fiorella Martinez 5:00 pm tLuz Maria Salinas

Sunday, November 2, 2025 - All Souls Day / 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00 am †Juan Mireles by Janie Mireles †Fabien & Anna Belle Biemer by Anne & Ken †Deceased Mbrs of Ramirez Family by Family

†Deceased Mbrs of Aguillon Family by Family †Gilda Waters & Deceased Mbrs of Acosta Family by Family †Medardo E & Evangelina G Morales by Morales/Briseno Families 10:00 am †John Ware by Dale

by Family †Jose Guadalupe Hernandez †Deceased Mbrs of Luna Family †Deceased Mbrs of Guerra Family by Family by Family STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased

Monday, November 3, 2024 - St. Martin de Porres, Religious

For the Health of Allison Trahan 8:00 am

Tuesday, November 4, 2024 - St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop

8:00 am **†Al Weinheimer** 

Wednesday, November 5, 2025 - Wednesday in the 31st Week in Ordinary Time 8:00 am For the Health of Liam Hogan

Thursday, November 6, 2025 - Thursday in the 31st Week in Ordinary Time 8:00 am †Martha Brinkmann by Hartmans

Friday, November 7, 2025 - Friday in the 31st Week in Ordinary Time 8:00 am †Edward Richter by Daughter

Saturday, November 8, 2025 - Saturday in the 31st Week in Ordinary Time

†Edmond Ryan 8:00 am

12:00 pm

STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased 5:00 pm

Sunday, November 9, 2025 - Dedication of the Lateran Basilica by Pablo & Irene 8:00 am †Edward & Diana Ramirez †Fabien & Anna Belle Biemer by Anne & Ken †Tony Negrete by Ramirez Family For the Health of Debra Anne Oliver by Mom & Dad

Special Intention - Margret by Anne Nutt 10:00 am †Salome H. & Carolina B. Briseno by Morales/Briseno Families †Alice Ramirez

by Family by Jackson & Catherine Hall †Joseph Davis †Lee Bosmans

by Family †Ruben, Sr. & Beatrice Rodriguez, &

Gregorio Cisneros by Roland Rodriguez & Family

12:00 pm STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased



# Liturgical Roles

Saturday, November 8, 2025 5:00 pm Celebrant - Fr. Ed

Altar Servers - Volunteers

Eucharistic Ministers- Dcn Tim. T.Garza, E.Guerrero. T.Guerrero, C.Lange

Lector - Alvarado

Sunday, November 9, 2025 8 am Celebrant - Fr. Ed

Altar Servers - Max.Planchon

Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, N+L.Carrizales. R.Saldiva, E.Garcia

Lector - S.Castaneda

10 am Celebrant - Fr. Man

Altar Servers - M .Lawson, C Hartsfield , C Lawson Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Dennis, Sr. Eucharia, E. Garcia E+M.Cantu, A.Garza, Abi.Perez

Lector - Ali.Perez

Celebrant - Fr. Man 12 pm

Altar Servers - S.Obregon, A.Gomez, M Gonzalez Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, C.Hernandez, M.Pina, E.Obregon, C.Martinez, D+F.Malacara

Lector - D+F.Malacara



#### KNIGHTS of columbus

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at 7:00 p.m. For more information call
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Monthly Meeting:
3rd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m
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In Memory of Christina C. Dominguez on behalf of The Dominguez Family





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Of
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Louise Baiza Garza,
Robert Garza
&
Ruben Sr.& Beatrice
Rodriguez





In Memory
of
Jose (Joe) Galvan,
Joseph (Joe) Galvan
&
Billy Sheridan
on behalf of
The Family

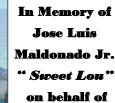
#### St. Thomas More Guadalupanos Society

Invites all men & women to our group. Our Monthly Meeting & Fellowship Meets the 3rd Sunday of the month, after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. For more information call Esther Nunez at 210.288.7579

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.





The Maldonado Family & The Dominguez Family





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In Loving Memory of Santiago G. Garcia Sr. & Martha C. Garcia on behalf of The Garcia Family

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