

July 27, 2025

Lord,  
teach us to  
Pray



### 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

Maggie Briseño - Coordinator  
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David Allen - Coordinator  
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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](http://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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**FACILITIES MANAGER - JOSE LUIS HERNANDEZ**

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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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WEBSITE:

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### **Gospel Meditation:**

Once I went to a hospice facility to celebrate Last Rites for an elderly dying man. His family had told me that he had been uncommunicative for days. At the conclusion of the ritual, we began to recite the Our Father prayer. To everyone's surprise, his lips moved, clearly mouthing the words to the Lord's prayer. Stripped of most of his faculties, the man could still pray those precious God-given petitions. A lifetime of prayer had planted the words even deeper than his failing consciousness.

Do we want the Lord's prayer to be as deeply embedded in us? If we want to be people of hope, we should. Recall that our Lord immediately follows the prayer by saying: "Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you" (*Luke 11:9*). We only ask, search and knock because we hope that the request is not in vain. Everything we could possibly hope for is contained in the prayer. Praying the Our Father deepens our hope.

We should consciously pour all our hopes into the Lord's prayer; we should allow it to be an expression of hope, not simply rote words. Then, over time, it builds up our hope in God. It sinks deep into our souls and bodies. How blessed we are when these words of hope are on our lips, even when everything else seems to fail.

— Father John Muir

### **Meditación del Evangelio:**

Una vez fui a un centro de cuidados paliativos para celebrar los últimos ritos para un anciano moribundo. Su familia me había dicho que había estado poco comunicativo durante días. Al concluir el ritual, comenzamos a recitar la oración del Padre Nuestro. Para sorpresa de todos, sus labios se movieron, pronunciando claramente las palabras del Padre Nuestro. Despojado de la mayoría de sus facultades, el hombre aún podía rezar esas preciosas peticiones dadas por Dios. Toda una vida de oración había plantado las palabras aún más profundamente que su conciencia fallida.

¿Queremos que el Padre Nuestro esté tan profundamente arraigado en nosotros? Si queremos ser personas de esperanza, debemos hacerlo. Recordemos que nuestro Señor sigue inmediatamente la oración diciendo: "Pedid y se os dará; busca, y encontrarás; llama, y se os abrirá" (*Lucas 11:9*). Solo pedimos, buscamos y llamamos porque esperamos que la petición no sea en vano. Todo lo que podríamos esperar está contenido en la oración. Rezar el Padre Nuestro profundiza nuestra esperanza.

Debemos verter conscientemente todas nuestras esperanzas en el Padre Nuestro; Debemos permitir que sea una expresión de esperanza, no simplemente palabras de memoria. Luego, con el tiempo, aumenta nuestra esperanza en Dios. Se hunde profundamente en nuestras almas y cuerpos. Qué bendecidos somos cuando estas palabras de esperanza están en nuestros labios, incluso cuando todo lo demás parece fallar.

— Padre John Muir

### **YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

**July 20, 2025**

Sunday Collection .....	\$ 4,717.75
Vigil Candles.....	240.75
STM School.....	30.00
Mass Intentions.....	10.00
Donations.....	100.00
BNGO.....	827.00

*Second Collection August 2 – 3  
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*

**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 14<sup>th</sup>  
Spanish – September 20<sup>th</sup>  
Confirmation – September 28<sup>th</sup>

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<sup>de</sup> septiembre  
Español – 20<sup>de</sup> septiembre  
Confirmación – 28<sup>de</sup> septiembre

Para más información, documentación requerida,  
o preguntas generales, por favor contacte a  
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**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 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm (mark your calendar)  
in the Rectory Meeting Room

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Deadline to apply

**MORE INFO**

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- 🔥 Clases lunes por la noche

**INSCRIPCIONES**  
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**4 de Agosto, 2026**  
Último día de entrega

**MÁS INFORMACIÓN**

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Educa para la misión

**CATHOLIC RADIO**

**'Tune-In' to the Guadalupe Radio Network!**  
**1380 AM – Spanish or**  
**89.7 FM - English**



**St. Pius X's**  
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**Needs your help throughout 2025!**

Your food donations  
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 can make a difference in the lives of those in need.

Drop-offs can be made at SPX SVdP  
 Mon, Wed or Fri from 10 am to 1 pm.

Thank you in advance and...

*May God Bless you for caring-*

**Food for Thought**

A Bell is not a Bell...



until you **Ring** it.

A Song is not a Song...



until you Sing it.

The Love in your heart  
 was not put there to stay...  
 Love is not Love...



until you Give it Away!!

Think about that for a minute...

*Love you guys...*

**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.*

**ATTENTION**

**STM School Principal,**  
**Students, Teachers, Staff**

Our Annual **BACK TO SCHOOL**  
**Backpack Blessing**

**Will take place August 9 and 10**

Students, Staff, and Backpacks,  
 will receive a special Blessing!



**Calling all 8th Graders and High Schoolers**

**Join "The Crew"**

Sign up to help your parish community  
 and be the hands and feet of Jesus.

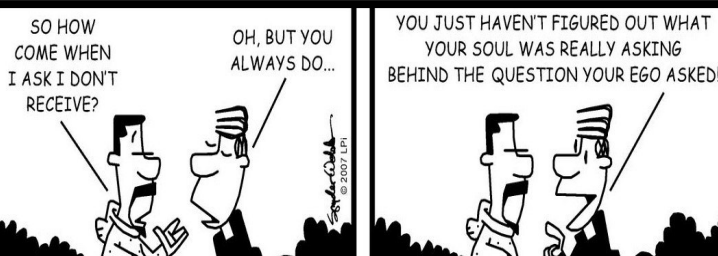
We will have a sign up after all the masses on  
 August 9 & 10. Pick up a flyer at church exits.

**SENIOR Sock Hop**

Save the date:

Saturday, September 13 from 2 - 5 pm

*(more info to follow)*

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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 27, 2025**  
10:00 am CDA Mass - Church

**Monday, July 28, 2024**

**Tuesday, July 29, 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 30, 2025**

**Thursday, July 31, 2025**  
6:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Grp - Church

**Friday, August 1, 2025**  
9:00 am Friday Adoration - Church  
7:00 pm la Hora Santa / Grupo de Oracion - Church

**Saturday, August 2, 2025**  
3:30 pm Cenaculo de la Divina Misericordia - Rectory Mtg Rm-1

**Sunday, August 3, 2025**  
10:00 am KC Mass - Church

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, July 26, 2025** - *Ss. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
5:00 pm †Elacio & Eloisa Alvarado by Ruben & Hope  
†Yolanda R. Mendez by Ruben & Hope  
**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 Abert Litterio by Sylvia Roman  
**Special Intention for Kalyie Olivo** by Tina Olivo  
**Special Intention for Janette Kasper** by Mom Tina Olivo  
10:00 am **STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased**  
12:00 pm **Harmony within the Castro Family**

**Monday, July 28, 2024**  
8:00 am †Rev Joe Uvieta

**Tuesday, July 29, 2024** - *Ss. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus*  
8:00 am †Lupe Villa by Gloria Villa

**Wednesday, July 30, 2025** - *St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and DoC*  
8:00 am †Maria Salome Castro

**Thursday, July 31, 2025** - *St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest*  
8:00 am †Katherine St.Laurent

**Friday, August 1, 2025** - *St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and DoC*  
8:00 am †Joe Davis

**Saturday, August 2, 2025** - *St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest*  
8:00 am †Yolanda Riojas  
5:00 pm **Special Intention - Birthday / Juanita Cantu**

**Sunday, August 3, 2025** - *18th Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
8:00 am †Annabelle Biemer by Biemer Family  
†Edward & Diana Ramirez by Frances Botello  
†Rutila & Edith Uriega by Norma Gonzales  
†Argentina Welch by BAMC Family  
†Olivia Lopez by Mom & Dad  
10:00 am †Patricia Butts by Family  
†Manuela O Villescas by STM Family  
†Connie Ramirez by STM Family  
†Medardo E. & Evangelina G. Morales by Morales / Briseno Families  
†Samuel Orozco Perez by Orozco-Pereida Family  
**Birthday - Maria Elena Luevano Macias** by Orozco-Perida Family  
12:00 pm **STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased**

**MAY SHE REST IN PEACE**

May God comfort the family and friends of

***Beverly Dausin***

who passed away recently.

Our sincere sympathy and assurances of prayers  
are extended to  
the Dausin Family***May She Rest in Peace.*****Lecturas de la Semana del 28 julio - 3 Agosto**

**Lunes:** Ex 32:15-24,30-34; Sal 105:19-23;  
Mt 13:31-35

**Martes:** Ex 33:7-11; 34:5-9,28; Sal 102:6-13;  
Jn 11:19-27

**Miércoles:** Ex 34:29-35; Sal 98:5-7,9; Mt 13:44-46

**Jueves:** Ex 40:16-21,34-38; Sal 83:3-6,8,11;  
Mt 13:47-53

**Viernes:** Lv 23:1,4-11,15-16,27,34-37;  
Sal 80:3-6,10-11; Mt 13:54-58

**Sábado:** Lv 25:1,8-17; Sal 66:2-3,5,7-8; Mt 14:1-12

**Domingo:** Ecl 1:2; 2:21-23; Sal 89:3-6,12-14,17;  
Col 3:1-5,9-11; Lc 12:13-21

**Readings for the week of July 28 - Aug 3**

**Monday:** Ex 32:15-24,30-34; Ps 106:19-23;  
Mt 13:31-35

**Tuesday:** Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9,28; Ps 103:6-13;  
Jn 11:19-27

**Wednesday:** Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5-7,9; Mt 13:44-46

**Thursday:** Ex 40:16-21,34-38; Ps 84:3-6,8,11;  
Mt 13:47-53

**Friday:** Lv 23:1,4-11,15-16,27,34b-37;  
Ps 81:3-6,10-11; Mt 13:54-58

**Saturday:** Lv 25:1,8-17; Ps 67:2-3,5,7-8;  
Mt 14:1-12

**Sunday:** Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-6,12-14,17;  
Col 3:1-5,9-11; Lk 12:13-21

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

(7/05 - 8/05)

**Liturgical Roles****Saturday, August 2, 2025**5:00 pm **Altar Servers** - Volunteers**Eucharistic Ministers**- Dcn Rolando, E.Guerrero, T.Garza,  
R.Alvarado, C.Lange**Lector** - T.Garza**Sunday, August 3, 2025**8 am **Altar Servers** - Mem.Planchon, Max.Planchon**Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Dennis, Y.Cione, P.Klar,  
E.Garcia, R.Saldiva**Lector** - P.Klar10 am **Altar Servers** - A.Mata, B.Pereida, M.Pereida**Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Dennis, KC's**Lector** - KC's12 pm **Altar Servers** - A.Gomez, S.Obregon, M.Gonzalez**Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Rolando, C.Hernandez,

A.Chavez, C.Martinez, D+F.Malacara, R.Gomez

**Lector** - M.Pina / M.Rivera



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**ST. THOMAS MORE**  
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at 7:00 p.m. For more information call  
Rick Briseño at 210-834-7017

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**Monthly Meeting:**  
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**Contact Regent**  
Belinda Treviño at 210-275-6529

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The Leo Oswald &  
The Fred Lansing  
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Christina C. Dominguez  
on behalf of  
The Dominguez Family**



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



**In Loving Memory  
Of  
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Louise Baiza Garza,  
Robert Garza  
&  
Ruben Sr. & Beatrice  
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of  
Jose (Joe) Galvan,  
Joseph (Joe) Galvan  
&**

**Billy Sheridan  
on behalf of**

**The Family**

**St. Thomas More Guadalupanos Society**  
Invite 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  
**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](mailto:ovase@archsa.org).**

**You have the right to contact law  
enforcement or CPS at any time.  
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**In Memory of  
Jose Luis  
Maldonado Jr.  
"Sweet Lou"  
on behalf of**

**The Maldonado Family &  
The Dominguez Family**



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of  
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on behalf of  
The Garcia Family**

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