

April 13, 2025

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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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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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

210.655.5070 (Office)

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STMPARISH@LIVE.COM

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Gospel Meditation:

"As he rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road." (Luke 19:36)

Consider how useless it is to spread your clothes on the ground for a donkey to walk on. The clothes get smeared with hooves, and who knows the grimy places where they've been? The animal may leave some unsavory presents on them. They may get stolen by a thief looking to make a buck. The thorns, thistles, rocks and muck of the road will leave stains. The clothes may never be useful again, and you'll probably walk home shivering without your normal covering. Yet this is precisely the gesture the people employ to welcome Jesus and his donkey. Why does this detail matter?

Wastefulness is an essential part of celebration. Consider the unnecessary extravagance of Christmas decorations, confetti and ticker tape parades, baseball players spraying each other with bottles of champagne after a victory, birthday gifts for kids and so on. This wastefulness signals celebration and therefore participation in higher identities (*as believers, winners, and parents, to mention the above examples*). That's what the wasted cloaks are all about. Those who donate their cloaks participate in Christ's kingship in Jerusalem - and we savor it two thousand years later.

The lesson? Learn how to "waste" money, time, clothes, and food on Christ.

We do this at Mass, but in so many other ways, too, like serving the poor, going on retreats, and doing prayerful study. When we practice this holy wastefulness, Jesus will ride into our lives and we'll be more deeply members of his kingdom.

— Father John Muir

Meditación del Evangelio:

"A medida que él cabalgaba, la gente extendía sus mantos en el camino". (Lucas 19:36.)

Piensa en lo inútil que es extender tu ropa en el suelo para que un burro camine sobre ella. La ropa se mancha con pezuñas, y ¿quién sabe los lugares mugrientos donde han estado? El animal puede dejar algunos regalos desagradables en ellos. Pueden ser robados por un ladrón que busca ganar dinero. Las espinas, los cardos, las rocas y el lodo del camino dejarán manchas. Es posible que la ropa nunca vuelva a ser útil, y probablemente regresará a casa temblando sin su cubierta normal. Sin embargo, este es precisamente el gesto que la gente emplea para acoger a Jesús y a su burro. ¿Por qué es importante este detalle?

El despilfarro es una parte esencial de la celebración. Considere la extravagancia innecesaria de las decoraciones navideñas, los desfiles de confeti y cintas de teletipo, los jugadores de béisbol rociándose unos a otros con botellas de champán después de una victoria, los regalos de cumpleaños para los niños, etc. Este despilfarro señala la celebración y, por lo tanto, la participación en identidades superiores (como creyentes, ganadores y padres, por mencionar los ejemplos anteriores). De eso se tratan las capas desperdiciadas. Aquellos que donan sus mantos participan en el reinado de Cristo en Jerusalén, y lo saboreamos dos mil años después.

¿La lección? Aprenda a "desperdiciar" dinero, tiempo, ropa y comida en Cristo. Hacemos esto en la Misa, pero también de muchas otras maneras, como servir a los pobres, ir a retiros y hacer estudio en oración. Cuando practiquemos este santo despilfarro, Jesús entrará en nuestras vidas y seremos miembros más profundamente de su reino.

— Padre John Muir

YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

April 6, 2025

Sunday Collection	\$	9,593.85
Vigil Candles.....	\$	262.38
Mass Intentions.....	\$	70.00
Giving Tree Donations.....	\$	100.00
Holy Thursday Candles.....	\$	72.00
Holy Land / Good Friday.....	\$	20.00
Easter Flowers.....	\$	25.00
Easter.....	\$	20.00

***Second Collection April 19 - 20:
Rice Bowl***



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

*** HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE ***

April 14 - 16, Mon-Wed:

Regular Daily Masses (8 am)

April 17, Holy Thursday:

*** *Parish Offices Closed* ***

7 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper
(no morning Mass)

Eucharistic Adoration
(begins after Mass thru midnight)

April 18, Good Friday:

*** *Parish Offices Closed - No 8 am Mass/No Adoration* ***

1 pm - Grupo de Oracion /
el Via Crucis en Vivo

3 pm - Passion Liturgy (bilingual)

5 pm - Divine Mercy Novena Begins

6 pm - Pesame Liturgy (bilingual)

April 19 - 20, Easter:

Holy Saturday - 8 pm / Easter Vigil (No 8 am Mass)

Easter Sunday - Regular Weekend / Sunday Schedule



EASTER EGG HUNT

The Church is organizing an Easter egg hunt for
the children of our parish.

Easter Sunday after the 10 o'clock Mass

So... Bring your baskets and enjoy!!



THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

The Catholic Daughters' plant sale this
past weekend was a tremendous success.

We thank God for having wonderful parishioners
who support us.

Thank you for the donations of
plants and gardening items.

Once again, Thank you and
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Sing a New Song Unto the Lord...

***Our parish needs music ministers to help at the
5 pm Saturday liturgy.***

If you sing, play the piano, or guitar,
please consider helping in this beautiful ministry.

The music will be provided.

We do have a couple of singers who have stepped
up, but we would love a few more to put a group
together.

Contact Becki Lacayo, Head Music Minister by
email at becki.lacayo@gmail.com.

Remember to sing is to pray twice.

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DIVINE MERCY NOVENA: Easter, our holiest day of the year, is almost upon us! I don't want to belittle its importance, but I'm going to fast-forward to the next Sunday... Mercy Sunday. A special day... Where we have an opportunity to remove all punishment due for forgiven sins!

With this devotion... we celebrate Jesus' Divine Mercy... I don't think it's a coincidence that Jesus asked for the inscription "**Jesus, I Trust in You**" to be put on his image of Divine Mercy...

He asked that the Feast of the Divine Mercy be preceded by a Novena to the Divine Mercy.

Our Lord Jesus gave St. Faustina an intention to pray for on each day of the Novena.

In her Diary, St. Faustina wrote that Jesus told her: **"On each day of the novena you will bring to My heart a different group of souls and you will Immerse them in this ocean of My mercy ..."**

On each day you will beg My Father, on the strength of My passion, for the graces for these souls."

Jesus' revelation to St. Faustina comes under the heading of *Private Revelation*... and as such we, the faithful, are not bound to accept them. But, with the Divine Mercy... Graces flow every time we say the Chaplet... for ourselves... our loved ones... and others! Many people pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy daily... But, as I said...

St. Faustina's revelation is not dogma... and we are not required by Church to accept it...

Jesus asked that a Novena to His Divine Mercy be said beginning on Good Friday asking for certain souls to be brought into His merciful heart! As recorded by St. Faustina:

On Day 2 Jesus asks- "Bring to Me the Souls of Priests and Religious..."

It was they who gave Me strength to endure My bitter Passion. Through them My mercy flows out upon mankind."

Fr. Ed... all priests, deacons, and religious benefit from this intercession... and

On Day 7 He asks - "Bring to Me The Souls Who Especially Venerate and Glorify My Mercy..."

Not one of them will go into the fire of hell. I shall particularly defend each one of them at the hour of death."

What a promise to those who are true believers...

Those are just a couple of the Novena intentions... Consider the Chaplet, the Devotion, itself and Jesus' promises to those who say the Chaplet! In St Faustina's notes we read that: "... **Through the Chaplet you will obtain everything... if what you ask for is compatible My will!**" What a promise! We can pray for anything! And... as long as it is line with God's will for us... for our salvation... it will be given to us! Now, I'm not saying you'll change history... but you may be able to influence someone's heart at the moment of their death and save them from eternal damnation. (past... present... future... it's all in God's time... the 'ETERNAL NOW')

We have His promise that He will be there at our side... or the side of whomever we are praying for at their death... Not as a Judge... as we deserve... but as our Merciful Savior. He will be there offering salvation – no matter how dark our sins! We, of course, have free-will. We have the option of accepting – or rejecting – His Divine Mercy...

So... I have to ask you... Will you take advantage of these graces? Do you believe? Do you Trust? Ask yourself... how can I more fully Believe... without seeing? Ask yourself... Do I Trust... really Trust... in Jesus?

I invite you to join us as we pray the Novena to the Divine Mercy.

We will begin the Novena on Good Friday, April 18th, and it will end on the Day Before Mercy Sunday.

We will meet in the Church each day at 5 or 5:30 pm except on the last day (April 26th) when we will meet at 4 pm.

Novena pamphlets will be available at the Church.



Spring is Here!!

Get your hoe, rake, shovel, lawn mower, and any other gardening tools you may have and come help with the St. Thomas More grounds clean-up.

Saturday, May 3^d - starting at 7 am 'til 12 noon.

Refreshments will be provided to keep you well hydrated.

Please reserve the morning and come get to know your fellow parishioners better.

Refer any questions to the Parish Office, (210) 655-5070

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Limpieza de Primavera

Tome su azada, rastrillo, pala, cortadora de césped y cualquier otra herramienta de jardinería que pueda tener y venga a ayudar con la limpieza de los terrenos de St. Thomas More.

Sábado, el 3 de mayo: desde las 7 a.m. hasta las 12 del mediodía

Se proporcionarán refrigerios para mantenerlo bien hidratado.

Por favor, reserve la mañana y venga a conocer mejor a sus compañeros feligreses.

Refiera cualquier pregunta a la Oficina Parroquial, (210) 655-5070



This Week at Our Parish*** *Guadalupanos Bake Sale After All Masses* ***

Sunday, April 13, 2025 - Palm Sunday
8:00 am KC Breakfast - Carolan Hall

Monday, April 14, 2024
5:30 pm CDA Tea Party Board Mtg - Rectory Mtg Room-1
6:00 pm KC 3Degree Mtg - Carolan Hall
Choir Practice - Church
6:30 pm Home Bound Ministry Mtg - Rectory Mtg Room-1

Tuesday, April 15, 2024
5:30 pm Divine Mercy - Rectory Mtg Room-1
6:30 pm Coro Alegria Choir Practice - Rectory Mtg Room-1
CDA General Mtg - Carolan Hall
7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion Choir Practice - Church

Wednesday, April 16, 2025
5:30 pm CDA Tea Party Board Mtg - Rectory Mtg Room-1
6:00 pm KC 3Degree Chapter Mtg - Carolan Hall
7:00 pm KC meeting 2 - Rectory Meeting Room 1

Thursday, April 17, 2025 - Holy Thursday
6:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Grp - Cancelled
7:00 pm OCIA - Cancelled

Friday, April 18, 2025 - Good Friday
9:00 am Friday Adoration - Cancelled
1:00 pm Via Crucis - Outside Church
3:00 pm Good Friday Liturgy / bilingual - Church
5:00 pm Divine Mercy Novena/1 - Church
6:00 pm Prayer Svc / Pesame / bilingual - Church

Saturday, April 19, 2025 - Easter Vigil
3:30 pm Cenaculo de la Divina Misericordia - Rectory Mtg Rm
5:30 pm Divine Mercy Novena/2 - Church
8:00 pm Easter Vigil - Church

Sunday, April 20, 2025 - Easter Sunday
8:00 am Guadalupanos Mass - Church
5:30 pm Divine Mercy Novena/3 - Church

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 12, 2025 - Saturday in Fifth Week of Lent
5:00 pm **STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased**

Sunday, April 13, 2025 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
8:00 am †Steve & Juanita Ryan by Fiorella Martinez
10:00 am †Dolores & †Isidro Martinez by Urbano Family
†Juan & †Mike Urbano by Daughter
†A B Garcia
†Salome H. & †Carolina B. Briseno by Morales / Briseno Family
12:00 pm †Jose & Margarita Carrillo by Maria Angeles Martinez
†Jose Guadalupe Cisneros Zavala by Guadalupe Soria
†Jose Luna by Family
†Eva Garcia Vargas & Rosa Reyes by Reyes Garcia
†Hector Roman, Dora Litterio, & Violea de la Rosa by Sylvia Roman
Special Intention - Health of Deacon Rolando

Monday, April 14, 2024
8:00 am †Edward Ramirez by Theresa Garza

Tuesday, April 15, 2024
8:00 am **Special Intention - Health of Deacon Rolando**

Wednesday, April 16, 2025
8:00 am †Maria de la Luz Cerda-Galaviz by Susie Muse

Thursday, April 17, 2025 - Holy Thursday
7:00 pm

Friday, April 18, 2025 - Good Friday
3:00 pm

Saturday, April 19, 2025 - Easter Vigil
8:00 pm

Sunday, April 20, 2025 - Easter Sunday
8:00 am **STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased**
10:00 am †Tillie Garcia by Daughter
†Jose & Margarita Carrillo by Maria Angeles Martinez
†Edward Ramirez by Theresa Garza
†James E. Bingham by Family
†Maria de la Luz Cerda-Galaviz by Amelia Silva
12:00 pm †Jeremias Reyes Perez by Reyes-Garcia

**PRAY FOR VOCATIONS****Lecturas de la Semana del 14 - 20 apr**

Lunes: Is 42:1-7; Sal 26:1,2,3,13-14; Jn 12:1-11

Martes: Is 49:1-6; Sal 70:1-2,3-4,5-6,15 y 17; Jn 13:21-33,36-38

Miércoles: Is 50:4-9; Sal 68:8-10,21-22,31 y 33-34; Mt 26:14-25

Jueves (la Cena del Señor): Ex 12:1-8,11-14; Sal 116:12-13,15-18; 1Co 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Viernes: Is 52:13-53:12; Sal 31:2,6,12-13,15-17,25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42

Sábado: Vigilia: Gn 1:1-2:2; Sal 104:1-2,5-6,10,12,13-14,24,35; Ex 14:15-15:1; Ex 15:1-6,17-18; Ez 36:16-28; Sal 42:3,5; 43:3,4; Rom 6:3-11; Sal 118:1-2,16-17,22-23; Lc 24:1-12

Domingo: Hch 10:34,37-43; Sal 118:1-2,16-17,22-23; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

Readings for the week of Apr 14 - 20

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3,13-14; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6,15,17; Jn 13:21-33,36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10,21-22,31,33-34; Mt 26:14-25

Thursday (Lord's Supper): Ex 12:1-8,11-14; Ps 116:12-13,15-18; 1Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13-53:12; Ps 31:2,6,12-13,15-17,25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday: Vigila: Gn 1:1-2:2; Ps 104:1-2,5-6,10,14,24,35; Ex 14:15-15:1; Ex 15:1-6,17-18; Ez 36:16-28; Ps 42:3,5; 43:3,4; Rom 6:3-11; Ps 118:1-2,16-17,22-23; Lk 24:1-12

Sunday: Acts 10:34,37-43; Ps 118:1-2,16-17,22-23; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

Sanctuary Light Intention:**Donald E. Rand**

(3/22-4/22)

**Liturgical Roles**

Thursday, April 17, 2025 - Holy Thursday
7:00 pm **Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Tim, (+4 Vol)
Lector - M.Torres

Friday, April 18, 2025 - Good Friday
3:00 pm **Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Tim, (+2 Vol-if needed)
Lector / Voice - M.Fisher

6:00 pm **El Pesame** - Dcn Rolando

Saturday, April 19, 2025 - Easter Vigil
8:00 pm **Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Tim, J+And.Perez, Ali.Perez, Abi.Perez, S.Trimm, (+1 Vol)
Lector / Voice - L.Trimm

Sunday, April 20, 2025 - Easter Sunday
8 am **Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Tim, Y.Cione, R.Davila, P.Klar, M.Nguyen
Lector / Voice - P.Klar

10 am **Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Rolando, D.Bernal, M.Aguirre, E.Garcia, A.Fuentes, N.Lawson, L.Gifford
Lector / Voice - O.Weich

12 pm **Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Rolando, C.Hernandez, D+F.Malacara, A.Chavez, (+2 Vol)
Lector / Voice - I.Hernandez / L.Lopez



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Rick Briseño at 210-834-7017

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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 LOVING MEMORY
OF REX A. BRIEN
&
MR. & MRS.
HILDO CASTELLÓN**

**PRAY FOR THE 3 MOST
FORGOTTEN SOULS IN
PURGATORY**

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



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



**In Memory
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.
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
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If you or someone you know has been a
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deacon, or other church personnel and
you wish to file a complaint:

Contact the Office of Victim

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**In Loving Memory
of Joe Canales
On behalf of
The Canales Family
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&
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