

January 11, 2026



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 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.
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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Coordinator *Alicia Perez*,
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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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St. Thomas More Catholic Church
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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

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Gospel Meditation:

Apple ran a commercial not long ago called "Behind the Mac – Greatness." It shows artists and creators, such as Kendrick Lamar, Billie Eilish, and Lady Gaga, working behind their MacBooks.

The narration says, "There's a certain kind of person who doesn't wait for greatness. They make it."

It's a compelling message. There's beauty in using our gifts with passion and purpose. But there lies a hidden weight in that idea: If you are what you make, what happens when you can't anymore? When the project fails, the passion fades, or the spotlight moves on, where is greatness then?

Today's Gospel offers a differing vision of greatness. Jesus steps into the Jordan River. He hasn't preached, healed, or performed a single miracle. Then the heavens open, and the Father speaks:

"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." It's not a reward for success. It's not earned.

Before he does anything "great," Jesus receives the greatness of his identity from the Father.

And so do you. At your baptism, God said the same thing over you: "You are my beloved." That is your true identity, not constructed or earned but received. When we see ourselves and others this way, everything changes for the better. We discover a greatness that can never be taken away.

This week, reflect on your baptism: look up the date, thank God for it, pray for those baptized with you, or visit the church where it happened. Let your identity be rooted there.

— Father John Muir

Meditación del Evangelio:

Apple emitió hace poco un anuncio titulado "Detrás del Mac – Grandeza." Muestra a artistas y creadores, como Kendrick Lamar, Billie Eilish y Lady Gaga, trabajando detrás de sus MacBooks. La narración dice: "Hay un tipo particular de persona que no espera la grandeza. Lo consiguen." Es un mensaje convincente. Hay belleza en usar nuestros dones con pasión y propósito. Pero hay un peso oculto en esa idea: si eres lo que haces, ¿qué pasa cuando ya no puedes? Cuando el proyecto fracasa, la pasión se desvanece o el foco se va, ¿dónde está la grandeza entonces?

El Evangelio de hoy ofrece una visión diferente de la grandeza. Jesús entra en el río Jordán. No ha predicado, sanado ni realizado ni un solo milagro. Entonces se abren los cielos y el Padre habla: "Tú eres mi Amado Hijo; contigo estoy muy complacido." No es una recompensa por el éxito. No se lo gana.

Antes de hacer algo "grande", Jesús recibe la grandeza de su identidad del Padre.

Y tú también. En tu bautizo, Dios dijo lo mismo sobre ti: "Eres mi amado." Esa es tu verdadera identidad, no construida ni ganada, sino recibida. Cuando nos vemos a nosotros mismos y a los demás de esta manera, todo cambia para mejor. Descubrimos una grandeza que nunca podrá ser arrebatada.

Esta semana, reflexiona sobre tu bautismo: busca la fecha, da gracias a Dios por ella, reza por quienes se bautizan contigo o visita la iglesia donde ocurrió. Deja que tu identidad esté arraigada ahí.

— Padre John Muir

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January 4, 2026

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Second Collection: Jan 17 - 18
to Support our STM School



MAY HE REST IN PEACE

May God comfort the family and friends of

David Garcia

who passed away recently.

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Louise, Rebecca and the Garcia Family

May He Rest in Peace.

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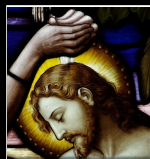
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El Bautismo del Señor

El bautismo es increíblemente importante para la salvación de la humanidad, no solo eternamente sino aquí y ahora. Nuestra existencia depende de ello. Nos da la afirmación que necesitamos de Dios al regalarnos la misma relación íntima que Jesús tuvo con el Padre.

Estamos bendecidos con la dirección y el propósito claro que necesitamos para ser guardianes productivos y cristianos fieles. El bautismo nos llama a recordar, aceptar y afrontar los pecados e injusticias de nuestro pasado, sin importar lo hirientes y graves que sean.

Elegimos conscientemente alejarnos de ellos y adoptar la nueva vida de Cristo. Para hacerlo bien, debemos mirar con atención y largo tiempo nuestros pecados y fallas, escuchar lo que dicen y aprender de ellos. Si ignoramos el pasado, colectiva o personalmente, o fingimos que nunca ocurrió, nunca creceremos. Seguro que moriremos.

La gente necesita escuchar el mensaje, vivido y pronunciado, transmitido por los miembros bautizados del Cuerpo de Cristo. Es un mensaje esencial de esperanza que está cargado de visiones de justicia, paz, reconciliación, redención, bendición y sanación. Es un mensaje que nos ayuda a recordar lo que ha pasado antes, las gracias y los pecados, y a llevarnos por la ayuda de Dios donde debemos estar.

Estamos llamados a hacer mucho más que quedarnos en casa a puerta cerrada.

Tenemos un mensaje que entregar... ¿Estamos listos para hacerlo?



So often we take things for granted... even in our prayer life. Sometimes our prayers can get lost in a mechanical recitation of them. We recite... but we don't listen to what we are saying.

A while back a lady approached me and said she was amazed! She had been reciting the Nicene Creed at Mass literally for years but had never really *listened* to what she was praying. Evidently this was the first time she had really paid attention... and, this lady is active and involved in the parish and at Mass! We pray the Creed every week... but do we really "*listen*" to what we pray? After talking with this lady... I wonder.

So... What exactly **IS** a Creed? A Creed is an affirmation of our beliefs. There have been a number of them written. One of the first Statements we had of the Church's beliefs is the Apostles Creed... It was composed not long after Christ's death and was called the "**Apostles Creed**" because it re-capped the Apostles teachings.

Unfortunately... people started '*muddying*' things up... People began teaching Heresies... (*things against Church teaching*). One of these heresies taught that Jesus wasn't really God... that God the Father *Created* him so he was really no different than us... God just used him. On the other end of the spectrum... someone else was teaching that yes... Christ was God... but he wasn't really human! He kind-of did the whole suffering and crucifixion *thing* with a type of mass-hypnosis... so we would think we saw Jesus suffering and dying on the Cross.

God let us see what he wanted us to see! There were other false teachings and problems within the Church as well.

Finally... in the year 325, the Pope / Church called all its Bishops together at a place called Nicea... in the country now known as Turkey... to set some things straight. It, the Council of Nicea, created the Church's first official set of Dogmas. A Dogma is a formally-stated, '**OFFICIAL**' belief of the Church concerning Faith or Morals...

A Dogma is something that cannot be questioned by us... the faithful.

Since the Creed we recite at Mass was composed at the Council of Nicea, it's called the Nicene creed...

In addition to the church's original beliefs... as stated in the Apostles Creed...

- It attests to the fact that Jesus IS God... Begotten... Not made... Consubstantial (*same substance*) as the Father.
- It attests to Jesus dual nature... **He is Human and Divine!**
- It firmly establishes the concept of the Trinity
- It attests to the 4 Marks of the Church (*One, Holy, Catholic (or universal), and Apostolic*)
- The Council also addressed other false teachings and problems within the Church but, I'll let you research those.

The Nicene Creed recaps the basic tenets of our faith... the faith of our church... as has been for nearly 2,000 years... and will continue for all time. The next time you attend Mass... don't just *recite* / *read* the Creed...

Think about it! Pray it! Profess it!

'till next time... God Bless- DT.



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.

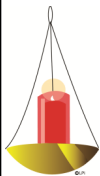
People need to hear the message, lived and spoken, delivered by the baptized members of the Body of Christ. It is an essential message of hope that is layered with visions of justice, peace, reconciliation, redemption, blessing, and healing. It is a message that helps us remember what has gone before, 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?***

"Sin was the act by which man refused to see created things for what they were -- stepping stones to God, a means to an end -- and began instead to clutch at them as ends in themselves."

- Bishop Fulton Sheen

This Week at Our Parish***** Truck Raffle Ticket Sale - after all Masses This Weekend *******Sunday, January 11, 2026**8:00 am KoC Breakfast - *Carolán Hall***Monday, January 12, 2026**6:00 pm KC 3Degree Mtg - *Carolán Hall*6:15 pm Guadalupanos Monthly Rosary - *Church***Tuesday, January 13, 2026**5:30 pm Divine Mercy Cenacle - *Rectory Mtg Room-1*6:30 pm Pastoral Council Mtg - *Dining Room*7:00 pm Coro Alegria Choir Practice - *Rectory Mtg Room-1*Grupo de Oracion Choir Practice - *Church***Wednesday, January 14, 2026**6:00 pm Stewardship Mtg - *TBD***Thursday, January 15, 2026**5:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Grp (Eng) - *Church*7:00 pm OCIA - *Rectory Mtg Room***Friday, January 16, 2026**7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion - *Church****** Truck Raffle Ticket Sale - after all Masses This Weekend *******Saturday, January 17, 2026**12:00 pm BINGO - *Carolán Hall*3:30 pm Cenaculo de la Divina Misericordia - *Rectory Mtg Room***Sunday, January 18, 2026**8:00 am Guadalupanos Mass / Mtg - *Church / Carolán Hall***Sanctuary Light Intention:**

†Abigail Rovayo

(12/27 - 1/27)

Mass Intentions**Saturday, January 10, 2026**

5:00 pm Victor Jackson by Mari

Sunday, January 11, 2026 - The Baptism of the Lord

8:00 am †Tony Negrete by Theresa M.

†Martha Nguyen by Thuy Nguyen

†Joita Alaniz Palacios by Family

10:00 am †Ignacio Perez by Jesse Perez Family

†Salome H. & Carolina B. Briseno by Family

†Charles & Genevieve Oswald by Evancho & Oswald Family

†Vance Gifford by Wife

†Juan Urbano by Urbano Family

12:00 pm **STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased****Monday, January 12, 2026 - Communion Service**

8:00 am †Hermen & Diana Castellon by Family

Tuesday, January 13, 2026 - St. Hilary, Bishop and DoC

8:00 am †Teresa Hoi by Kim

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

8:00 am †Tom & Soon Hi Schleigh by Schleigh Family

Thursday, January 15, 2026

8:00 am †Vicente Nghip by Kim

Friday, January 16, 2026

8:00 am †Carmen Chapa Mata by Elda Garcia

Saturday, January 17, 2026 - St. Anthony, Abbot

8:00 am †Carlos Ramos, Jr

5:00 pm **STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased****Sunday, January 18, 2026 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 am †Teresa Nguyen by Thuy Nguyen

†Felipe Gonzales by Wife

†Mr & Mrs Larzo Ochoa by Olga W.

†Hermen & Diana Castellon by Family

10:00 am †Pablo & Paz Mendez by Family

12:00 pm †Marcellino Llanas by Talley Family

†Juanita Seves, Leocade de la Torre y Enrique de la Torre By Family



AND SO JOHN THE BAPTIST HEARD A VOICE FROM HEAVEN TESTIFYING ABOUT JESUS...



BUT NOW THEY HAVE MEDICATION FOR PEOPLE WHO HEAR VOICES, DON'T THEY?

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© 2015 LIT WNDP**Lecturas de la Semana del 12 - 17 enero****Lunes:** 1Sm 1:1-8; Sal 115:12-19; Mc 1:14-20**Martes:** 1Sm 1:9-20; 1Sam 2:1,4-8; Mc 1:21-28**Miércoles:** 1Sm 3:1-10,19-20; Sal 39:2,5,7-10;
Mc 1:29-39**Jueves:** 1Sm 4:1-11; Sal 43:10-11,14-15,24-25;
Mc 1:40-45**Viernes:** 1Sm 8:4-7,10-22; Sal 88:16-19; Mc 2:1-12**Sábado:** 1Sm 9:1-4,17-19; 10:1; Sal 20:2-7; Mc 2:13-17**Domingo:** Is 49:3,5-6; Sal 39:2,4,7-10; 1Co 1:1-3;
Jn 1:29-3**Readings for the week of Jan 12 - 17****Mon:** 1Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19; Mk 1:14-20**Tues:** 1Sm 1:9-20; 1Sam 2:1,4-8; Mk 1:21-28**Wed:** 1Sm 3:1-10,19-20; Ps 40:2,5,7-10; Mk 1:29-39**Thurs:** 1Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11,14-15,24-25;
Mk 1:40-45**Fri:** 1Sm 8:4-7,10-22; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12**Sat:** 1Sm 9:1-4,17-19; 10:1; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17**Sun:** Is 49:3,5-6; Ps 40:2,4,7-10; 1Co 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34**Liturgical Roles****Saturday, January 17, 2026**5:00 pm **Altar Servers** - Volunteers**Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Rolando, C.Lange, R.Saldiva,
J+B.Hernandez**Lector** - M.Fisher**Sunday, January 18, 2026**8 am **Altar Servers** - Max.Planchon**Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Tim, W+M.Torres, M.Nguyen,
A.Garza**Lector** - T.Garza10 am **Altar Servers** - M.Lawson, C.Hartsfield, M.Pereida**Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Rolando, Sr.Eucharía,
N.Lawson, Ali+Abi.Perez, H.Rodriguez, N.Rodriguez**Lector** - Abi.Perez12 pm **Altar Servers** - S.Obregon, A.Gomez, A.Llanas**Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Rolando, C.Hernandez,
M.Pina, H.Gomez, R.Gomez, F.Hernandez, I.Hernandez**Lector** - A.Chavez / M.Cisneros



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