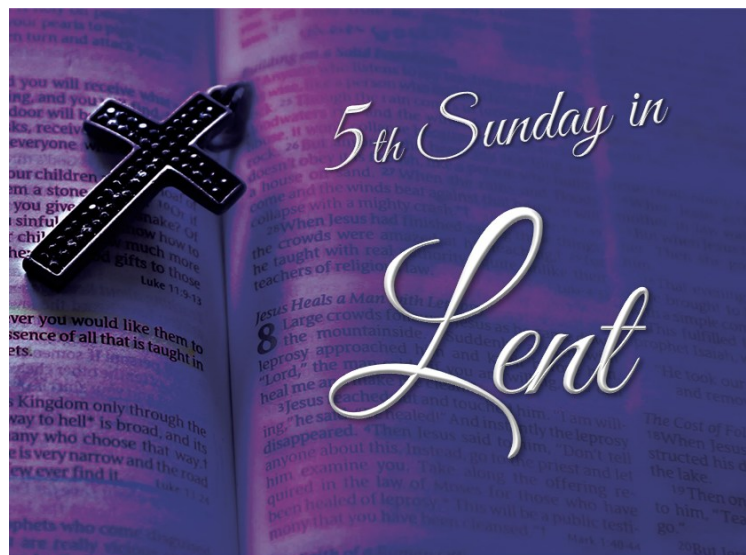


Welcome to St. Thomas More Catholic Church

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.

April 6, 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."

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Maggie Briseño - Coordinator
Gilbert Cantú, Alli Fuentes, Alicia Perez,
Cesar Paez & Vicky Smith.

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

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RoseMarie Eyancho, Michele Allen &
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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.

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1:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M.**

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Gospel Meditation:

"The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle" (*John 8:3*). Why do they make her stand in the middle? Why not expose her on the periphery? The reason is something that affects us practically every day.

The center is what stabilizes a community's identity. We humans tend to center ourselves around an accused and condemned victim — though we rarely admit it. This renews our fragile communities and our power as those who weaponize the accusation. This is effective because it is often a victim who represents something truly dangerous for the group. In this case, adultery stands for the breakdown of a community and those within it, because it forces questions like: who is my father? Whose child is this? Is this child one of us, or that of an outsider? The accusers place the adulteress in the center because their community, like most, is built around turning an enemy into a victim.

Once you understand this, you'll see it almost anywhere humans group together (families, politics, workplaces, sports, schools, etc.). The good news is Jesus exposes this dynamic by deftly pointing out the sin-infected hearts of everyone besides the woman. They all leave, symbolizing the breakdown of the old order, and she is "left alone before him." A new community has begun, structured around the merciful love of Christ.

What is in your center? What is in the center of our parish and family communities? Strive to center on Christ's forgiveness, and we experience the new, lasting community we call the Church.

— *Father John Muir*

Meditación del Evangelio:

"Los escribas y los fariseos trajeron a una mujer que había sido sorprendida en adulterio, y la pusieron en medio" (*Juan 8:3*). ¿Por qué la hacen estar en el medio? ¿Por qué no exponerla en la periferia? La razón es algo que nos afecta prácticamente todos los días.

El centro es lo que estabiliza la identidad de una comunidad. Los seres humanos tendemos a centrarnos en una víctima acusada y condenada, aunque rara vez lo admitimos. Esto renueva nuestras frágiles comunidades y nuestro poder como aquellos que utilizan la acusación como arma. Esto es efectivo porque a menudo se trata de una víctima que representa algo verdaderamente peligroso para el grupo. En este caso, el adulterio representa la ruptura de una comunidad y de quienes la integran, porque obliga a preguntas como: ¿quién es mi padre? ¿De quién es este hijo? ¿Es este niño uno de nosotros, o el de un extraño? Los acusadores colocan a la adúltera en el centro porque su comunidad, como la mayoría, se basa en convertir a un enemigo en una víctima.

Una vez que entiendas esto, lo verás en casi cualquier lugar donde los humanos se agrupen (familias, política, lugares de trabajo, deportes, escuelas, etc.). La buena noticia es que Jesús expone esta dinámica al señalar hábilmente los corazones infectados por el pecado de todos además de la mujer. Todos se van, simbolizando la ruptura del viejo orden, y ella queda "sola ante él". Ha comenzado una nueva comunidad, estructurada en torno al amor misericordioso de Cristo.

¿Qué hay en tu centro? ¿Qué hay en el centro de nuestras comunidades parroquiales y familiares? Esfuérzate por centrarte en el perdón de Cristo, y experimentaremos la nueva y duradera comunidad que llamamos la Iglesia.

— *Padre John Muir*

YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

March 30, 2025

Sunday Collection	\$	5,871.81
Vigil Candles.....	\$	156.01
Bishops Overseas Appeal.....	\$	536.96
Mass Intentions.....	\$	45.00
Giving Tree Doantions.....	\$	140.00
STM School.....	\$	90.00
Easter Flowers.....	\$	80.00
Bulletin Ads.....	\$	255.00
Rice Bowl.....	\$	2,000.00
BINGO.....	\$	794.16

***Second Collection April 12 - 13:
Catholic Home Missions Appeal***

Our Tithing Trends - Thank you for your continued support.



Offertory revenue is 1st collection, Mass intentions, bulletin ads, and candle contributions
Expenses are salaries, benefits and regular operating expenses

ATENCIÓN

Ministros Extraordinarios de la Sagrada Comunión

Estamos llamados a ser signos de esperanza para nuestros hermanos y hermanas que experimentan dificultades en la vida. Las enfermedades graves y el envejecimiento pueden ser muy difíciles.

Nuestro ***Ministerio de Confinado en el Hogar*** puede ser un signo de esperanza para nuestros feligreses confinados en casa / confinados al traer el Eucaristía a ellos.

Nos convertimos en el rostro de Jesús... trayendo la esperanza que *es* Jesús.

El *Ministro de la Eucaristía confinado en el hogar* representa a la Iglesia y manifiesta Fe, Esperanza y Caridad a aquellos que no pueden estar presentes en nuestra Celebración Eucarística. Nuestros feligreses confinados en casa aprecian este ministerio, ya que una vez más se sienten parte de '*Nuestra comunidad de fe*'.

Nuestros ministros son un signo de esperanza no solo para nuestros feligreses, sino a otros que están confinados.

Se necesitan voluntarios para nuestro *ministerio de confi-*
namiento en casa.

¡Necesitamos ministros ingleses, españoles y bilingües!

Vive como un peregrino de esperanza... embárcate en un camino de fe y transformación al considerar formar parte de este Ministerio.



Lenten / Holy Week Liturgical Schedule

Friday, April 11 @ 6 pm - School Children will lead

Palm Sunday / April 12-13: Regular Schedule
Mon - Wed / April 14-16: Regular Schedule (*8 am Mass*)
Holy Thursday / April 17: 7 pm only (*no morning Mass*)
Good Friday / April 18: 1 pm - via Crucis - Outside Church
 3 pm - Passion of Our Lord (*bilingual*)
 6 pm - Pesame Bilingual Prayer Svc
Holy Saturday / April 19: 8 pm - Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday / April 20: Regular Schedule

A special thanks also to Deacon Rolando's family for their assistance and to *everyone* who attended.

It was a great Success!

Once again, thank you Deacon Rolando -

for a job well done!

Thank you to his family for their support and help,
and

Thank you all Parishioners and guests
who made this series such a success.

Archbishop's Appeal for Ministries

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In addition to our normal Penance opportunities,
(Saturday afternoons from 3:30 - 4:45 pm),

Fr. Ed is offering the following:

Fri, April 11, from 3:30 - 5 pm

In addition, St. Monica's parish is offering a Penance Opportunity on Thursday, April 10th at 6:30 pm.

Take advantage of thiese opportunities!

A “BLAST From the Past” - the Miraculous Medal



One of our Parishioners was asking about something we “discussed” a while back.

I thought it might be a good time to refresh some memories... just in case you forgot... lol~!

I know many of you are aware of this devotion...

I’ve seen a number of parishioners wearing the Miraculous Medal... I have one myself... and

I have a large one hanging by my office door.

But I also know that many people, while they may have heard the title, ‘*Miraculous Medal*’, don’t really know that much about it. Likewise, some may wear the medal simply as jewelry and may not know or understand its significance. So, I thought I’d take a minute or two today and share its background.

The Miraculous Medal goes back to July of 1830; and to Paris, France.

A young religious, Catherine, (*now Saint*), Labouré of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, was awakened on the night of July 18th by the voice of a child calling her to the sisters’ chapel (*located in the Rue du Bac, Paris*).

She went to the chapel and heard the Blessed Virgin Mary say to her, “*God wishes to charge you with a mission.*

You will be contradicted, but do not fear; you will have the grace to do what is necessary. Tell your spiritual director all that passes within you. Times are evil in France and in the world.”

On November 27th the Blessed Mother returned. She displayed herself to Catherine inside an oval frame, standing upon a globe wearing rings of many colors. Around the margin of the frame the words “*O Mary, Conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee*” appeared. As she (*Catherine*) watched, the frame rotated showing a circle of 12 stars, a large letter ‘M’ surmounted by a cross with a crossbar beneath it.

Under all was an image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus – crowned with thorns, and an image of the Immaculate Heart of Mary – pierced with a sword (*as prophesied by Simeon*).

Her fingers each had three rings and the largest stones emitted the most brilliant rays over the globe.

Catherine noticed that some of the gems did not give off rays. When asked, Our Lady explained that the rays were symbols of the graces which would be bestowed on all who asked for them... those with no rays symbolized those graces for which people do not ask.

A command was given to have a medal struck after the model revealed, and a promise of great graces was made to those who wear it when blessed. After 2 years of careful investigation, and with the approval of the Archbishop of Paris, the first medals were struck in June of 1832. The devotion spread rapidly.

There are literally hundreds – if not thousands - of divine intervention/assistance associated with the wearing of this medal. Miracles of conversion... miracles of healing... miracles of protections... and more!

Too many to list here. *I invite you to Google ‘miraculous medal miracles’ to see some of them for yourself.*

So... pray to our Holy Mother... ask for her intercession...

But remember... the Miraculous Medal itself is not magical... it’s nothing more than a piece of metal.

What holds the power is what / who it represents.

So... Light up those rings!

Ask for those graces that up to now have been unused (*those graces for which people forget to ask*)!

’till next time... God Bless- DT



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 3rd - 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

Sunday, April 6, 2025
 8:00 am CDA Plant Sale - *School Playground*
 10:00 am KC Mass - *Church*

Monday, April 7, 2024
 5:30 pm Guadalupanos Board Mtg - *Rectory Mtg Room-1*

Tuesday, April 8, 2024
 5:30 pm Divine Mercy - *Rectory Mtg Room-1*
 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, April 9, 2025
 2:00 pm School Reconciliation - *Church*
 6:00 pm CDA Financial Mtg - *Meeting Room*
 KC 3rd Degree Officers Mtg - *Carolan Hall*
 6:30 pm Pastoral Council Mtg - *Rectory Meeting Room 1*

Thursday, April 10, 2025
 6:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Grp / - *Church*
 6:30 pm CDA Board Mtg - *Rectory Mtg Room-2*
 7:00 pm OCIA - *Rectory Mtg Room*

Friday, April 11, 2025
 9:00 am Friday Adoration - *Church*
 6:00 pm School Stations of the Cross - *Church*
 KC Breakfast Prep - *Carolan Hall*
 7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion Via Crucis - *Church*

Saturday, April 12, 2025
 3:30 pm Cenaculo de la Divina Misericordia - *Rectory Mtg Rm*
 6:15 pm Guadalupanos Monthly Rosary - *Church*

*** *Guadalupanos Bake Sale After All Masses* ***

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

Lecturas de la Semana del 7 - 12 apr

Lunes: Dn 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62;
 Sal 22:1-6; Jn 8:12-20

Martes: Nm 21:4-9; Sal 101:2-3,16-21;
 Jn 8:21-30

Miércoles: Dn 3:14-20,49-50,91-92,95;
 Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42

Jueves: Gn 17:3-9; Sal 104:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

Viernes: Jr 20:10-13; Sal 17:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

Sábado: Ez 37:21-28; Jr 31:10-13; Jn 11:45-56

Domingo: Lc 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7;
 Sal 21:8-9,17-20,23-24; Flp 2:6-11;
 Lc 22:14-23:56

Readings for the week of Apr 7 - 12

Monday: Dn 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62;
 Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:12-20

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3,16-21;
 Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20,91-92,95; Dn 3:52-56;
 Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10-13;
 Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Lk 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9,17-20,23-24;
 Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14-23:56

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 5, 2025 - *St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest*
 5:00 pm †Maria & Raul Salinas by Family

Sunday, April 6, 2025 - *5th Sunday of Lent*
 8:00 am †Catarina Rosas by Rosas Family
 †Anna Belle Biemer by Biemer Family
 †Rafael Garza by Theresa Garza
 †Richard Narvaez by Elda Garcia
 †Edward Ramirez by Theresa Garza
 10:00 am †Martha O'Connor by Evancho Family
 †Michael Boudreaux by Gladys Boudreaux
 †Medardo E & Evangelina G Morales by Brisenno/Morales Families
 †Animas del Purgatorio by Cisneros Family
In Thanksgiving to St. Jude by Martha Arredondo
STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased

Monday, April 7, 2024 - *St. John Baptist de la Salle, Priest*
 8:00 am †Xavier Garcia

Tuesday, April 8, 2024 - *Tuesday in Fifth Week of Lent*
 8:00 am †Sergio Vasquez

Wednesday, April 9, 2025 - *Wednesday in Fifth Week of Lent*
 8:00 am †Elizabeth Rodriguez

Thursday, April 10, 2025 - *Tuesday in Fifth Week of Lent*
 8:00 am Deceased Mbrs of †Sobeck & †Fenner Families by Biemer Family

Friday, April 11, 2025 - *St. Stanislaus, bishop and Martyr*
 8:00 am †Arthur Acosta by Acosta Family

Saturday, April 12, 2025 - *Saturday in Fifth Week of Lent*
 8:00 am †Bruce a. St.Laurent by Wife
 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 Maria Angeles Martinez
 10:00 am †Dolores & †Isidro Matinez by Guadalupe Soria
 †Juan & †Mike Urbano by Family
 †A B Garcia by Reyes Garcia
 †Salome H. & †Carolina B. Brisenno by Sylvia Roman
 by Morales / Brisenno 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


Sanctuary Light Intention:
Donald E. Rand
Liturgical Roles

Saturday, April 12, 2025
 5:00 pm **Altar Servers** - Volunteers
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, R.Saldiva, S.Chapa,
 E.Guerrero,, T.Guerrero
Lector - M.Fisher

Sunday, April 13, 2025
 8 am **Altar Servers** - Mem.Planchon, Max.Planchon
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, M.Aguirre, R.Castaneda,
 T.Garza, S.Trimm
Lector - T.Garza

10 am **Altar Servers** - M.Pereida, A.McCaffery, C.Lawson
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, H.Rodriguez, N.Rodriguez,
 A.Garza, D.Bernal, Sr.Eucharía, N.Lawson
Lector - M.Briseno

12 pm **Altar Servers** - S.Obregon, A.Gomez, (+1 Vol)
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, C.Hernandez,
 M.Pina, L.Danicca, H.Gomez, R.Gomez, F.Hernandez
Lector - A.Chavez / M.Cisneros



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Rick Briseño at 210-834-7017

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Contact Regent

Belinda Treviño at 210-275-6529

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on behalf of
The Sprague Family**



**In Memory
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Joseph (Jge) 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
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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
victim of sexual abuse by a priest, deacon,
or other church personnel and you wish to
file a complaint:

Contact the Office of Victim

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(210) 734-7786 OR (877) 700-1888
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**In Loving Memory
of Joe Canales
On behalf of
The Canales Family
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