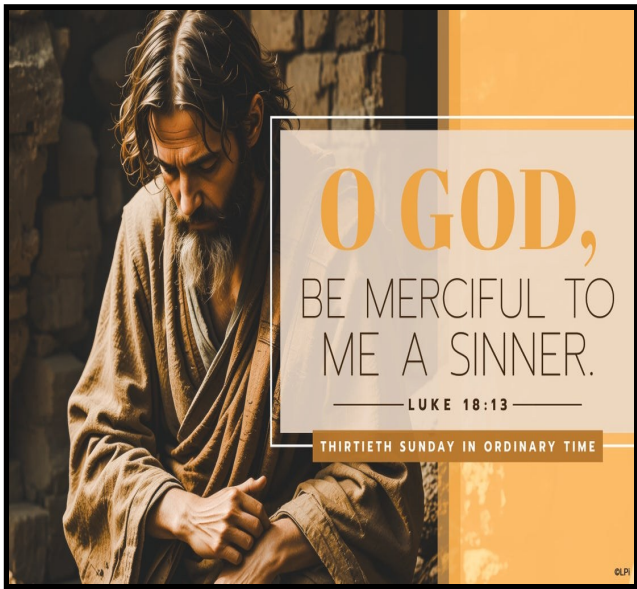


October 26, 2025



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 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."

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Coordinator *Alicia Perez,*
Alli Fuentes, Cesar Paez,
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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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OFFICE HOURS

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8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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12 - 1 p.m.

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Gospel Meditation:

Every now and then readers of these reflections write letters in which they object to something. Years ago, this Gospel of Luke 18 prompted such an email. A man wrote to me: "*I find it deeply offensive that you suggest we are still sinners once we are God's sons and daughters.*" His objection stirred in me a profound awareness of the paradox at the heart of our faith. *Are we sinners or beloved children of God?*

In this Gospel (*Luke 18:9-14*), a tax collector appears as one who has missed the mark. His sins have isolated him. His breast-beating is not an act of self-flagellation for pride's sake but a heartfelt admission of his failure and unworthiness. Remarkably, Jesus honors the candid humility of the parable's penitent. Why?

Because we are always in need of mercy, always. But even more, perhaps because on the cross, Jesus will fully embrace a similar place of humiliation and rejection.

He will enter into the most shameful, offensive place of the sinner so that we might "*go home justified.*"

There is a sacred tension in admitting that we are sinners and yet have profound hope.

We are beloved sons and daughters of God, growing precisely through our honest acceptance of failure.

When we cry, "*Have mercy on us,*" during Mass or when we repeat the "*Jesus Prayer*" in quiet moments, or in the confessional, we embrace our imperfections as fertile ground for divine grace.

In doing so, we follow Christ's example - finding true exaltation in the humble acknowledgment of our human frailty.

— Father John Muir

Meditación del Evangelio:

De vez en cuando, los lectores de estas reflexiones escriben cartas en las que se oponen a algo.

Hace años, este Evangelio de Lucas 18 provocó un correo electrónico de este tipo. Un hombre me escribió:

"Me parece profundamente ofensivo que sugieras que seguimos siendo pecadores una vez que somos hijos e hijas de Dios". Su objeción despertó en mí una profunda conciencia de la paradoja en el corazón de nuestra fe.

¿Somos pecadores o hijos amados de Dios?

En este Evangelio (*Lucas 18:9-14*), un recaudador de impuestos aparece como alguien que no ha dado en el blanco.

Sus pecados lo han aislado. Su golpearse el pecho no es un acto de autoflagelación por orgullo, sino una admisión sincera de su fracaso e indignidad. Sorprendentemente, Jesús honra la humildad sincera del penitente de la parábola.

¿Por qué? Porque siempre tenemos necesidad de misericordia, siempre. Pero aún más, tal vez porque en la cruz, Jesús abrazará plenamente un lugar similar de humillación y rechazo. Entrará en el lugar más vergonzoso y ofensivo del pecador para que podamos "*volver a casa justificados*".

Hay una tensión sagrada en admitir que somos pecadores y, sin embargo, tenemos una profunda esperanza.

Somos hijos e hijas amados de Dios, que crecemos precisamente a través de nuestra honesta aceptación del fracaso.

Cuando gritamos: "*Ten piedad de nosotros*", durante la Misa o cuando repetimos la "*Oración de Jesús*" en momentos de tranquilidad, o en el confesionario, abrazamos nuestras imperfecciones como terreno fértil para la gracia divina.

Al hacerlo, seguimos el ejemplo de Cristo, encontrando la verdadera exaltación en el humilde reconocimiento de nuestra fragilidad humana.

— Padre John Muir

YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

October 19, 2025

Sunday Collection	\$ 5,419.60
Vigil Candles.....	\$ 160.38
World Mission Sunday.....	\$ 486.88
Hope for the Future.....	\$ 225.00
Bulletin Ads.....	\$ 360.00
Mass Intentions.....	\$ 125.00
School.....	\$ 37.00
Donations.....	\$ 1,300.00
All Souls Day.....	\$ 285.00
All Saints Day.....	\$ 50.00
Market Place.....	\$ 248.80
Truck Raffle.....	\$ 2,015.00
Basket Raffle.....	\$ 1,461.20
BINGO.....	\$ 837.25

Second Collection: Nov 1 - 2

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



In our OCIA session last week, someone asked about Purgatory and Indulgences. With November fast approaching, I thought I'd share this with you.

(we'll 'talk' more about Indulgences and Purgatory a little later - I hope)

A message from the Holy Souls Sodality in Stockbridge, MASS

During the month of November,

We honor and give thanks for those who have come before us.

We offer reparations and suffrages to make up for the sins of those who are in Purgatory...

We especially take advantage of the Mass on All Souls Day to pray for the dearly departed.

Additionally... we may assist those in Purgatory with the following:

A Plenary Indulgence, applicable only to the souls in Purgatory, is granted to the faithful who:

On any and/or each day from November 1 to 8, devoutly visit a cemetery and pray, *if only mentally*, for the departed;

On All Souls' Day *(or, on the solemnity of All Saints)*,

devoutly visit a church or an oratory and recite an Our Father and the Creed.

A Partial Indulgence, applicable only to the souls in Purgatory, is granted to the faithful who:

Devoutly visit a cemetery and at least mentally pray for the dead;

Devoutly recite lauds or vespers from the Office of the Dead or the prayer Requiem Aeternam *(Eternal Rest)* (Manual of Indulgences, 29, pg 99).

Now, I'm not certain if we can 'pin-point' a particular soul to receive these indulgences or if they simply are assigned to those most in need. But, either way... it's great!!

And, the gifted soul will be praying for you in return.



ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN ANTONIO



CALLED *by* NAME

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 **CALLLED 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

ARQUIDIOCESIS DE SAN ANTONIO



LLAMADOS *por su* NOMBRE

¿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.

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MAY SHE REST IN PEACE

May God comfort the family and friends of long-time parishioner

Martha Brinkman

who passed away recently.

Our sincere sympathy and assurances of prayers are extended to the Paul and the Brinkman Family

May She Rest in Peace.

EL DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS (Day of the Dead)

What is it? It sounds a little spooky to me! Not so.

El Día de los Muertos is a time of celebration.

A holiday celebrated by many; especially here in South Texas.

It focuses on praying for and remembering friends and family members who have died.

The celebration occurs on Nov. 1st All Saints Day and Nov. 2nd All Souls Day.

Traditions include building an altar and

honoring the deceased with photos and memorabilia.

Our "Guadalupanos Society" will erect a "Day of the Dead" altar at the main entrance of the church.

Everyone is welcome to place a picture or memento of their loved one(s) that have passed. Please place your name and phone number on your picture or memento.

The altar will be taken down on Monday, November 3rd.

Any remaining pictures or mementos can then be picked up in the Rectory during regular office hours.



¡Que es eso! ¡Me suena un poco espeluznante!

El Día de los Muertos es un día de celebración.

Celebrado por muchos especialmente aquí en el sur de Texas.

Se enfoca en orar y recordar a los amigos y familiares que han muerto.

La celebración ocurre el 1 de noviembre con el Día de Todos los Santos y el 2 de noviembre con el Día de los Muertos.

Las tradiciones incluyen construir un altar y honrar a los difuntos con fotos y recuerdos.

El altar para el "Día de los Muertos" será colocado en la entrada principal de nuestra iglesia, por nuestra Guadalupano sociedad.

Todos están invitados a traer fotos o recuerdos de sus queridos difuntos para poner en el altar.

Favor de incluir su nombre y número de teléfono en las fotos y/o artículos.

Después de el 3 de noviembre las fotos y/o artículos se pueden recoger en la oficina de la rectoría durante horas regulares.

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October 31 to
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Celebren con nosotros la sagrada
reliquias de nuestra querida
Santa Teresita de Lisieux.



VEA EL CALENDARIO
COMPLETO
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This Week at Our Parish*** **Truck Raffle Ticket Sale - after all Masses** *****Sunday, October 26, 2025**8:00 am KC Breakfast - *Carolán Hall*
10:00 am CDA Mass - *Church***Monday, October 27, 2025****Tuesday, October 28, 2025**5:30 pm Divine Mercy - *Rectory Mtg Room-1*
6:00 pm CDA Financial Review Mtg - *Dining Room*
7:00 pm Coro Alegria Choir Practice - *Rectory Mtg Room-1*
Grupo de Oracion Choir Practice - *Church***Wednesday, October 29, 2025****Thursday, October 30, 2025**5:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Group - *Church*
7:00 pm OCIA - *Rectory Mtg Room-1***Friday, October 31, 2025**9:00 am Friday Adoration - *Church*
7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion Fellowship - *Carolán Hall**** **Truck Raffle after all Masses** *****Saturday, November 1, 2025 - All Saints Day**3:30 pm Cenaculo de la Divina Misericordia - *Rectory Mtg Rm-1**** **Daylight Savings Time ENDS @ 2 a.m.— FALL BACK** *****Sunday, November 2, 2025 - All Souls Day**8:00 am KC Breakfast - *Carolán Hall*
10:00 am KoC Mass - *Church***Sanctuary Light Intention:
Luz Maria Salinas**

(10/18 - 11/18)

Lecturas de la Semana del 27 oct - 2 nov**Lunes:** Rom 8:12-17; Sal 67:2,4,6-7,20-21; Lc 13:10-17**Martes:** Ef 2:19-22; Sal 18:2-5; Lc 6:12-19**Miércoles:** Rom 8:26-30; Sal 12:4-6; Lc 13:22-30**Jueves:** Rom 8:31-39; Sal 108:21-22,26-27,30-31;
Lc 13:31-35**Viernes:** Rom 9:1-5; Sal 147:12-15,19-20; Lc 14:1-6**Sábado:** Ap 7:2-4,9-14; Sal 23:1-6; 1Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12**Domingo:** Sab 3:1-9; Sal 22:1-6; Rom 5:5-11; Jn 6:37-40**Readings for the week of Oct 27 - Nov 2****Monday:** Rom 8:12-17; Ps 68:2,4,6-7,20-21; Lk 13:10-17**Tuesday:** Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16**Wednesday:** Rom 8:26-30; Ps 13:4-6; Lk 13:22-30**Thursday:** Rom 8:31-39; Ps 109:21-22,26-27,30-31; Lk 13:31-35**Friday:** Rom 9:1-5; Ps 147:12-15,19-20; Lk 14:1-6**Saturday:** Rv 7:2-4,9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12**Sunday:** Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11; Jn 6:37-40**Mass Intentions****Saturday, October 25, 2025 - Saturday in the 29th Week in Ordinary Time**5:00 pm **Special Intention 58 yrs - Mr/Mrs Richard Perez****Sunday, October 26, 2025 - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**8:00 am †Anna Belle & Fabian Biemer by Family
†Rafael Garza by Theresa Garza
†Edward & Diana Ramirez by Pablo & Irene
†Tony Negrete by Guadalupanos
10:00 am **Special Intention for Health Debra Anne Oliver** by Mom & Dad
12:00 pm **STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased**
†Marcellino Llanas by Talley Family
Special Intention on her Birthday - Katie Barrera**Monday, October 27, 2024 - Monday in the 30th Week in Ordinary Time**

8:00 am †Fabian & Anna Belle Biemer by Ann & Ken

Tuesday, October 28, 2024 - Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles

8:00 am †San Juana E. Reyes by Rosa S.

Wednesday, October 29, 2025 - Wednesday in the 30th Week in Ordinary Time

8:00 am †Mireya Quinones by Family

Thursday, October 30, 2025 - Thursday in the 30th Week in Ordinary Time

8:00 am †Zoraida Cerda by Family

Friday, October 31, 2025 - Friday in the 30th Week in Ordinary Time

8:00 am †Patricia Butts by Family

Saturday, November 1, 2025 - All Saints Day / NOT a Holy Day of Obligation8:00 am †Abigail rovayo by Acosta Family
5:00 pm †Luz Maria Salinas by Fiorella Martinez*** **Daylight Savings Time ENDS @ 2 a.m.— FALL BACK** *****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 Aguilon Family by Family
10:00 am †Gilda Waters & Deceased Mbrs of Acosta Family by Family
†Medardo E & Evangelina G Morales by Morales/Briseno Families
†John Ware by Dale
†Jose Guadalupe Hernandez by Family
†Deceased Mbrs of Luna Family by Family
†Deceased Mbrs of Guerra Family by Family
12:00 pm **STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased****Liturgical Roles****Saturday, November 1, 2025**5:00 pm **Celebrant - Fr. Man****Altar Servers - Volunteers****Eucharistic Ministers- Dcn Tim, S.Chapa, R.Alvarado,
J+B.Hernandez****Lector - T.Guerrero****Sunday, November 2, 2025 *** Daylight Savings Time - Fall Back *****8 am **Celebrant - Fr. Man****Altar Servers - Max.Planchon****Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Dennis, T.Garza, B.Trevino,
M.Aguirre****Lector - Y.Cione**10 am **Celebrant - Fr. Man****Altar Servers - A.Mata, B.Pereida, J.Villalobos****Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Dennis, KC's****Lector - KC's**12 pm **Celebrant - Fr. Man****Altar Servers - S.Obregon, A.Gomez, E.Ruiz****Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, C.Hernandez, M.Pina,
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