

St. Thomas More Catholic Church
 19th Sunday In Ordinary Time
 August 11, 2024



Taste and See How Good the Lord Is; Blessed the Man Who Takes Refuge in Him. -Psalm 34:8

Welcome to St. Thomas More Catholic Church

Thank you for celebrating with us today. We warmly welcome you to our humble place of worship. 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 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)

Holy Days of Obligation

Day Before Holy Day

Vigil Mass - 6:30 p.m.

Actual Holy Day

8:00 a.m.

6:30 p.m.

(Español)

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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David Allen - Coordinator

RoseMarie Evancho, Michele Allen & Rita Davis

"The parish does not ask for favors either by email or text to parishioners asking to purchase gift cards of any sort."

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 6 months prior to date of celebration.

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.

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

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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:

This week we hear Jesus say, "He that believes in me, has eternal life" (John 6:47). These straightforward words, uttered by human lips, sound — how to put this? — insane. Who could possibly say such a thing? Jesus says things that are so high, so demanding, so beyond our capacity to fathom, we hardly know what to do with them and (if you're like me), they usually go in one ear and out the other. So, let us ask: how can believing in him lead to eternal life?

To believe in something means not just to acknowledge its existence, but also to orient yourself entirely to it. If a football player believes in his team, it means he puts his life totally at the service of that goal. If a student believes in her dream to become a doctor, she gives everything she has to her studies and preparation for her MCAT test. Belief means to move boldly toward something we love, and trust is possible to attain.

What is the highest possible good at which we can aim? It is God himself, the gift of eternal life without end. Jesus has made this "good" possible in and through his human nature. To believe in him means to have him as our ultimate goal. This week let's believe the truth of these words and make practical decisions to orient ourselves toward what we see available in him: eternal life.

— Father John Muir



Meditación del Evangelio:

Esta semana escuchamos a Jesús decir: "El que cree en mí, tiene vida eterna" (Juan 6:47). Estas palabras directas, pronunciadas por labios humanos, suenan... ¿cómo decirlo? — Loco. ¿Quién podría decir tal cosa? Jesús dice cosas que son tan altas, tan exigentes, tan más allá de nuestra capacidad de comprensión, que apenas sabemos qué hacer con ellas y (si eres como yo), suelen entrar por un oído y salir por el otro. Entonces, preguntémosnos: ¿cómo puede creer en él conducir a la vida eterna?

Creer en algo significa no sólo reconocer su existencia, sino también orientarse enteramente hacia ella. Si un jugador de fútbol cree en su equipo, significa que pone su vida totalmente al servicio de ese objetivo. Si un estudiante cree en su sueño de convertirse en médico, da todo lo que tiene para sus estudios y la preparación para su examen MCAT. Creer significa avanzar audazmente hacia algo que amamos, y la confianza es posible alcanzar.

¿Cuál es el mayor bien posible al que podemos aspirar? Es Dios mismo, el don de la vida eterna sin fin. Jesús ha hecho posible este "bien" en y a través de su naturaleza humana. Creer en él significa tenerlo como nuestra meta final. Esta semana creamos en la verdad de estas palabras y tomemos decisiones prácticas para orientarnos hacia lo que vemos disponible en él: la vida eterna.

— Father John Muir

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August 4, 2024

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Vigil Candles.....	\$ 147.39
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STM School.....	\$ 105.00
Mass Intentions.....	\$ 30.00
Bulletin Adds.....	\$ 180.00
Immaculate Conception.....	\$ 2.00

*Second Collection August 17 - 18:
to Support our STM School*



JUST A REMINDER

This Thursday, August 15th, we celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This is a Holy Day of Obligation and, as such, we (the faithful) are 'obligated' to participate at Mass that day.

We will celebrate a Vigil Mass Wednesday, August 14th at 6:30 pm and

Masses on the day-of (Thurs, the 15th) at 8 am (English) and 6:30 pm (Spanish)



You know that we, as Catholics, are **obliged** to ‘*spread and defend the faith by word and deed.*’ Strong words... but that’s what the Catechism and Vatican II documents (*Lumen Gentium*) say! Our Baptism is our call to participate in the Evangelization process of the Church! We need to **share our faith**. We need to **Evangelize!** Pope John Paul II summed it up this way saying,
“Faith is strengthened when it is given to others!”

When we step out on a limb and begin to share our faith (*at work, the gym, or where-ever*) we will get questions! “I used to be Catholic... why do I need a priest coming between me and God”... “Why do you Catholics worship Mary?”... etc. Sometimes you’ll know the answers... other times you won’t. One of two things usually happens then... 1. You either stop talking about your faith, or 2. You go find the answers.

If (*hopefully*) you choose the latter... you don’t return to the conversation the same. You come back knowing and understanding more yourself... you come back with a fuller realization of who Christ is and what the Church teaches. *In the process of explaining the faith you learn more about the faith.* That’s true when teaching about anything! When you explain an idea to others, you come to know it better yourself. You focus on the essentials... on what matters most and go from there.

For example: If explaining the American Revolution to someone, you don’t waste time talking about uniform design or battle tactics used at small skirmishes... You talk about the fundamental principles for which the colonists fought and the major figures and turning points that led to the defeat of the British.

You talk about freedom and self-determination! You talk about George Washington, John Adams, Valley Forge, etc.

Similarly, when sharing the Gospel we focus on the basic Christian message, the core of the Good News... Christ! Who he is, what he offers and why we need what he offers.

We talk about the Church he created and how it embodies his teachings.

That’s what the RCIA (*excuse me... OCIA*) attempts to do!

You have questions? We have answers... or we’ll get them!

Our faith is rich... so rich... so all-encompassing... you can - and will - spend a lifetime learning about it!

But, through the OCIA, you will have a good, solid foundation on which to build.

So... whether you are Catholic or not... if you want to learn more about the Catholic Faith...

I invite you to join us as we begin our journey.

We meet on Thursday evenings in the Rectory Meeting Room from 7 - 8:30 pm... beginning September 5th. (*use the ‘court yard’ entrance*).

Hope to see you there...

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WHO WE ARE
 Women who seek closure, help healing, and God’s mercy after abortion


WHAT WE ARE
 A half day retreat in a private location

WHEN IT IS
 8/17/24, Saturday
 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

WHY DO IT
 To become aware of and receive the loving mercy of God after abortion, at no cost to attend this retreat.
 We will also make reconciliation available to those in need.

Contact us ☎ (210) 377-1133

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Registration for our Religious Education Classes Begins Soon!!

Registration will continue through August 30, 2024
in the parish office,
Monday-Friday 9am to 3pm.

Classes Begin as follows:

- English – September 8th
- Spanish – September 14th
- Confirmation – September 22nd

For more information, required documentation, or
general questions, please contact
Martha Guerra, DRE,
at the parish office at (210) 655-5070

Note: Masks in the classroom will be optional

¡La inscripción para nuestras clases de educación religiosa comienza pronto!

La inscripción continuará hasta el 30 de agosto de 2024
en la oficina parroquial,
de lunes a viernes de 9 am a 3 pm

Las clases empiezan de la siguiente manera:

- Inglés – 8^{de} septiembre
- Español – 14^{de} septiembre
- Confirmación – 22^{de} septiembre

Para más información, documentación requerida, o
preguntas generales, por favor contacte a
Martha Guerra, DRE,
en la oficina parroquial al (210) 655-5070

Nota: Las máscaras faciales en el salón serán opcionales.



Our Catholic Daughters
are sponsoring a

***Haven for Hope
Children's Clothing Drive***

- The Haven for Hope needs clothing for the 300 children in their care, that live on the streets... aging from 10 days to 17 years.
- There is a special need for NEW undergarments and socks. Diapers are needed as well.
- We are asking people to reach out to family and friends for New and/or gently used / clean clothing in all sizes.
- There is a box in the back of the church to drop off your donations... through August 25th.
- Thank you for your support and generosity.

God Bless-



Our Church's Anniversary



Aniversario de la Parroquia STM

¡Cumplimos 60 años!
Estamos buscando algunos organizadores de fiestas para ayudar a organizar nuestro fiesta de aniversario, el 20 de octubre de 2024

Contacto con Becki Lacayo en beckilacayo@gmail.com para obtener más información.

STM Parish Anniversary

We are turning 60 years old!
We are looking for some party planners to help organize our anniversary party,

October 20, 2024

Contact Becki Lacayo at becki.lacayo@gmail.com to help or for more information.

Our Church's Anniversary



This Week at Our Parish

*** Fr. John Tigaatiga Missions Appeal - After All Masses ***

Saturday, August 10, 2024

Sunday, August 11, 2024
10:00 am KC BBQ Plate Sale - *Carolán Hall*

Monday, August 12, 2024
6:00 pm KC 3rd Degree Council Mtg - *Carolán Hall*
6:15 pm Guadalupanos Monthly Rosary - *Church*

Tuesday, August 13, 2024
5:30 pm Divine Mercy - *Cancelled 'till September 3rd*
6:30 pm Coro Alegria Choir Practice - *Rectory Mtg Room*
7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion Choir Practice - *Church*

Wednesday, August 14, 2024
7:00 pm Guadalupanos Choir Practice - *Cancelled*

*** Feast of the Assumption - Parish Offices Closed ***

Thursday, August 15, 2024 -
6:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Grp - *Cancelled*

Friday, August 16, 2024
9:00 am Friday Adoration - *Church*
6:30 pm Coro Alegria Guitar Practice - *Cancelled*
7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion Fellowship - *Carolán Hall*

*** Lovestrong Ministry Talk & Registration - all Masses ***

Saturday, August 17, 2024
3:30 pm Cenaculo de la Divina Misericordia - *Rectory Mtg Rm*

Sunday, August 18, 2024
8:00 am Guadalupanos Mass / Mtg - *Church / Carolán Hall*
12:00 pm Movimiento Familiar Cristiano Catolico - *Church*



Sanctuary Light Intention:
Steven Lee Waldron

Lecturas de la Semana del 12 - 18 Aug

Lunes: Ez 1:2-5,24-28; Sal 148:1-2,11-14; Mt 17:22-27

Martes: Ez 2:8-3:4; Sal 118:14,24,72,103,111,131;
Mt 18:1-5,10,12-14

Miércoles: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22; Sal 112:1-6; Mt 18:15-20
Vigilia: 1Chr 15:3-4,15-16; 16:1-2; Sal 131:6-7,9-10,13-14;
1Cor 15:54-57; Lc 11:27-28

Jueves: Ap 11:19; 12:1-6,10; Sal 44:10-12,16;
1Cor 15:20-27; Lc 1:39-56

Viernes: Ez 16:1-15,60,63 o 16:59-63; Is 12:2-6; Mt 19:3-12

Sábado: Ez 18:1-10,13,30-32; Sal 50:12-15,18-19;
Mt 19:13-15

Domingo: Prov 9:1-6; Sal 33:2-3,10-15; Ef 5:15-20;
Jn 6:51-58

Readings for the week of Aug 2 - 18

Monday: Ez 1:2-5,24-28; Ps 148:1-2,11-14; Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Ez 2:8-3:4; Ps 119:14,24,72,103,111,131;
Mt 18:1-5,10,12-14

Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22; Ps 113:1-6; Mt 18:15-20
Vigil: 1Chr 15:3-4,15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7,9-10,13-14;
1Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28

Thursday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a,10ab; Ps 45:10,11,12,16;
1Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Friday: Ez 16:1-15,60,63 or 16:59-63; Is 12:2-6;
Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Ez 18:1-10,13b,30-32; Ps 51:12-15,18-19;
Mt 19:13-15

Sunday: Prv 9:1-6; Ps 34:2-3,10-15; Eph 5:15-20;
Jn 6:51-58

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 10, 2024
8:00 am **Special Intention for Luis Mendez** by Mendez Family
STM Parishioners - Both Living and Deceased
5:00 pm †Christine Haskell by Grandma
†Bruce E. St.Laurent by Mother

Sunday, August 11, 2024
8:00 am †Carmen & Pablo Atilano by Teresa Monreal
†Mary Lou Oswald by Evancho Family
10:00 am †Steven Lee Waldron by Mom
†Salome H Briseno & Carolina B. Bresino by Morales / Briseno Families

12:00 pm †Juan Manuel & Jesus Manuel Ortiz by Amalia Ortiz
†Unselmo Quevedo by Jardan & Quevedo Family

Monday, August 12, 2024
8:00 am †Jo Marie Clark by Klar Family
Special Intention—Health Michael Garber by Margie Murray

Tuesday, August 13, 2024
8:00 am **For Vocations**

Wednesday, August 14, 2024
8:00 am †Rafael Garza by Theresa Garza
Special Intention for Joe Willingham by Margie Murray
6:30 pm **For Vocations**
Special Intention—Health and Family: Hartsfield Family

Thursday, August 15, 2024 - Feast of the Assumption
8:00 am †Thomas Harris by Evancho Family
†Paul Nguyen by Thuy Nguyen
All Ordained Clergy and Religious
6:30 pm **For Vocations**

Friday, August 16, 2024
8:00 am †Sonia Hernandez by Family
†Joan Sousa by STM School

Saturday, August 17, 2024
8:00 am †Theresa Hoi by Kim Nguyen
†Mary Reuben Tamez by Rosa Saldiva
5:00 pm †Michael McDonald by the Trimm
Special Intention for Luis Mendez by Mendez Family

Sunday, August 18, 2024
8:00 am †Ralph W. Garcia by Elda T. Garcia
†Pillar Aguillon by Family
10:00 am †Sonia Hernandez by Family
STM Parishioners - Both Living and Deceased
12:00 pm †Kathryn Marie Sweet by Maria T. Sweet
†Miguel Jardon Garcia by Jardon Quevedo Family



Liturgical Roles

Saturday, August 17, 2024
5:00 pm **Altar Servers** - Volunteers
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, R.Saldiva, S.Trimm,
T.Guerrero, S.Chapa
Lector - L.Trimm

Sunday, August 18, 2024
8 am **Altar Servers** - Volunteers
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, W+M.Torres, E.Garcia,
T.Garza
Lector - O.Weich

10 am **Altar Servers** - A.Mata, M.Lawson, C.Hartsfield
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, J+And.Perez,
V.Smith, Ali.Perez, D.Bernal, M.Briseno
Lector - Ali.Perez

12 pm **Altar Servers** - S.Obregon, A.Gomez, A.Llanas
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, C.Hernandez,
H.Gomez, R.Gomez, I.Hernandez, C.Martinez
Lector - M.Rivera / F.Tobar



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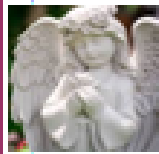
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Monthly Meeting:
 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
 Contact Regent

Belinda Treviño at 210-275-6529

In Memory of
 The Leo Oswald &
 The Fred Lansing
 Families

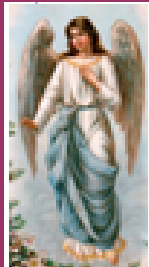


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 &
 MR. & MRS.
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 FORGOTTEN SOULS IN
 PURGATORY**



In Loving Memory
 of Joe Canales
 On behalf of
 The Canales Family
 Love Always



In Loving Memory of
 Medardo E. Morales &
 Evangelina G. Morales
 on behalf of
 The Morales &
 Briseño Families

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



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 &
 Mr. & Mrs.
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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
WV Torres at 210-620-2745

Archdiocese of San Antonio
 Procedure 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.

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