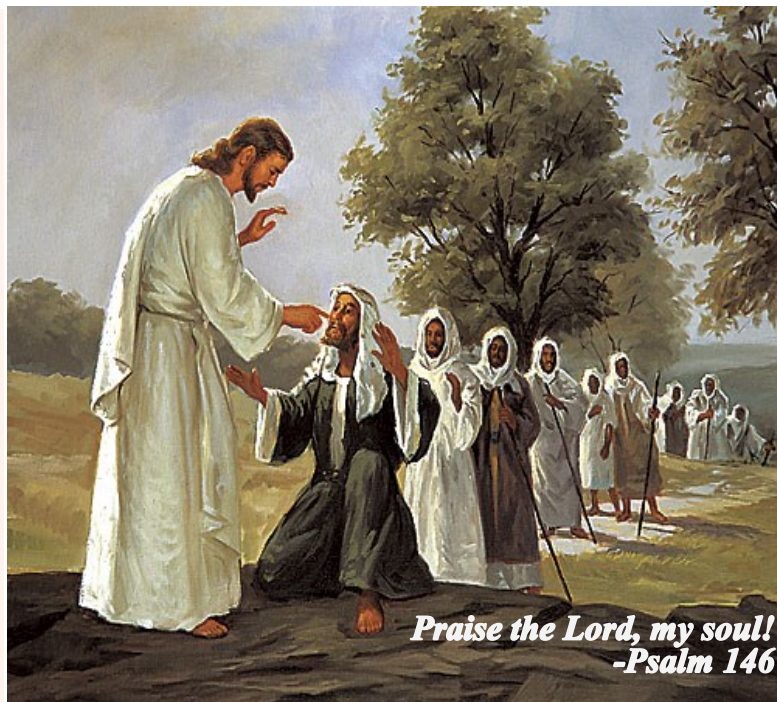


**St. Thomas More Catholic Church
23rd Sunday In Ordinary Time September 8, 2024**

**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.



*Praise the Lord, my soul!
-Psalm 146*

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

Maggie Briseño - Coordinator

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Cesar Paez & Vicky Smith.

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

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 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.

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

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Monday-Friday

8:30 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.

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12:00 P.M. TO 1:00 P.M.

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

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Gospel Meditation:

One of the most touching YouTube videos I've ever seen is one in which a deaf woman receives new technology to heal her hearing. She hears her husband's voice for the first time — and her own, too — and bursts into tears of overwhelming joy. It must have been like an immovable wall between her and her loved ones came tumbling down.

We are all like this woman, to some degree. We believe in the presence of God's love, but we can't hear Him. We can't speak well about Him. The deaf man who can't speak properly in the Gospel today is an image of what God wants us to experience again and again. Jesus takes the man aside to a private place away from the crowd, touches his ears and tongue, and says, "Ephphata!" The man's ears are opened, and he speaks clearly. Contact with Christ has this effect on us.

This experience happens to us in our baptism, almost exactly. It happens to us in the liturgy. It happens in our private prayer. It happens when we hear the voice of God in our conscience. The more we engage these privileged channels of Jesus' healing, the more we are empowered to hear and speak of the presence of God's perfect love.

— Father John Muir

Meditación del Evangelio:

Uno de los videos de YouTube más conmovedores que he visto es uno en el que una mujer sorda recibe una nueva tecnología para curar su audición. Oye la voz de su marido por primera vez, y también la suya propia, y rompe a llorar de alegría abrumadora. Debió ser como si se derrumbara un muro inamovible entre ella y sus seres queridos.

Todos somos como esta mujer, hasta cierto punto. Creemos en la presencia del amor de Dios, pero no podemos escucharlo. No podemos hablar bien de Él. El hombre sordo que no puede hablar correctamente en el Evangelio de hoy es una imagen de lo que Dios quiere que experimentemos una y otra vez.

Jesús lleva al hombre a un lugar privado, lejos de la multitud, le toca los oídos y la lengua, y dice: "¡Ephphata!" Los oídos del hombre se abren y habla con claridad. El contacto con Cristo tiene este efecto en nosotros.

Esta experiencia nos sucede en nuestro bautismo, casi exactamente. Nos pasa a nosotros en la liturgia. Sucede en nuestra oración privada. Sucede cuando escuchamos la voz de Dios en nuestra conciencia. Cuanto más nos involucramos en estos canales privilegiados de la sanación de Jesús, más capacitados estamos para escuchar y hablar de la presencia del amor perfecto de Dios.

— Father John Muir

YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

September 1, 2024

Sunday Collection	\$ 7,855.75
Vigil Candles.....	\$ 166.95
Facilities Improvement.....	\$ 1,085.44
Helping Hands.....	\$ 2.00
STM School.....	\$ 26.00
Mass Intentions.....	\$ 10.00

***Second Collection Sept 14 - 15:
to Support Our St. Thomas More School***



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

Who are your favorite actors?

Bette Davis? Jimmy Stewart? Cary Grant? Ingrid Bergman?

If you know who these actors are, this event is for you.

Parishioners 65 years or older, are invited to attend a "Senior" Prom entitled, *Old Hollywood*.

Sunday, September 15 from 2:00-6:00 PM in Carolan Hall.

Feel free to dress like you are going to your Senior Prom or come as you are, but bring your dancing shoes!

We will enjoy a lunch of soup, salad, entree, a drink and dessert.

If you look in your pew pocket you will find a bookmark. Please fill it out and include your choice of entree.

Turn them in on the piano or leave at the rectory by Wednesday, Sept. 11.

Lunch will be served from 2:00-3:00 pm.

Come walk the red carpet in all your Hollywood glamour!



Coro Alegria Fundraiser

Come One - Come All!

After the 10 am and 12 pm Masses

Enjoy *Corn in a Cup*,
Fresh-Squeezed Limeade,
or a *Raspa / Snow Cone*.

This Fundraiser is to benefit the expense of the basket donation for the STM Fall Bazaar on Saturday, October 12th.



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In the Beginning... Coping with Life Alone

is a one-day introductory program designed to help those who are grieving the loss of a spousal relationship due to death, divorce, or separation.

The program helps participants begin to deal with the loss and focus on what lies ahead. It's a day of support for those who are seeking hope and healing.

While it is intended to assist those newly grieving, all are welcome to attend.

The session is scheduled for Sat, Oct 5, 2024
from 8:30 am to 4 pm at
St. Peter Upon the Water
234 Indian Creek Rd., Ingram, TX 78025.

cost is \$40.

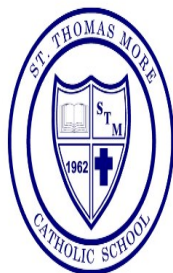
Participants are asked to bring their own lunches; morning & afternoon drinks and snacks are provided.

For more information and to register:
contact Barbara at (210) 724-9269

(If no answer, please leave a message).



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Saturday, October 12, 2024
STM Carolan Hall
9 am - 5 pm

Arts and Crafts / Household Items
Food and Drinks Available
BINGO!

Come... and Enjoy the Festivities
(Mark Your Calendar)

From the Pastor's Desk

Greetings brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ,

Last weekend I began speaking about stewardship, relying on the trust we have built over this past year. When people use the word "stewardship," many people conclude that the topic is money. This is not the case today. Stewardship is an attitude, a commitment, that is based on one's sense of belonging. To build our sense of belonging, we extend an open invitation to others and create an atmosphere of welcoming. This is why we ask everyone to greet each other before Mass! I believe that many of us are here because we feel like we can help build a religious home.

"Religion" comes from the Latin "*religare*," meaning "*to bind*." Our religious practices, by definition, are what bind us to God. Our religious practice of coming to Mass also binds us to each other for that time, and that time of binding is extended when we gather again. All our rich religious practices are designed to express and renew that bond we have between God and each other. Jesus invites us to worship him at Mass, and when we know that we are genuinely welcomed, that we know that we belong, then we know we have a religious home.

Stewardship cannot be addressed if we do not feel like we belong. When we know and feel like we belong, our senses of ownership, responsibility, and investment are directly affected. If you feel like you belong here, and you have not registered with the office, please do so! Parishes ask the people to register as parishioners so that the relationship with the parish is firmly established. Registering is the definitive way for the parish to support you when it is time for your child to receive sacraments, or when you are asked to be a godparent, or when you are engaged and need marriage formation. The registered relationship helps these processes flow smoothly because there is a mutually exchanged commitment between the parish and the parishioner that says we are there to support one another.

May our parish continue to grow as a welcoming community who is dedicated to sharing the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In Christ,

Fr. Ed Gonzales

Del escritorio del pastor

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Jesucristo,

El fin de semana pasado hablé sobre la mayordomía, apoyándome en la confianza que hemos construido durante este último año. Cuando las personas usan la palabra "mayordomía," muchas personas concluyen que el tema es el dinero. Este no es el caso hoy. La mayordomía es una actitud, un compromiso, que se basa en el sentir de pertenencia de uno. Para construir nuestro sentir de pertenencia, extendemos una invitación abierta a los demás y creamos un ambiente de bienvenida. ¡Es por eso que les pedimos a todos que se saluden antes de la Misa! Creo que muchos de nosotros estamos aquí porque sentimos que podemos ayudar a construir un hogar religioso.

"Religión" proviene del latín "religare", que significa "unir". Nuestras prácticas religiosas, por definición, son las que nos unen a Dios. Nuestra práctica religiosa de venir a Misa también nos unifica unos a otros durante ese tiempo, y ese tiempo de unión se extiende cuando nos reunimos de nuevo. Todas nuestras ricas prácticas religiosas están diseñadas para expresar y renovar ese enlace que tenemos entre Dios y los demás. Jesús nos invita a adorarlo en la Misa, y cuando sabemos que somos genuinamente bienvenidos, que sabemos que pertenecemos, entonces sabemos que tenemos un hogar religioso.

La mayordomía no puede ser abordada si no sentimos que pertenecemos. Cuando sabemos y sentimos que pertenecemos, nuestros sentidos de propiedad, responsabilidad e inversión se ven directamente afectados. Si siente que pertenece aquí y no se ha registrado en la oficina, por favor, ¡hágalo! Las parroquias piden a las personas que se registren como feligreses para que la relación con la parroquia se establezca firmemente. Registrarse es la forma definitiva para que la parroquia lo apoye cuando es el momento de que su hijo reciba los sacramentos, o cuando se le pide que sea padrino, o cuando está comprometido y necesita formación matrimonial. La relación registrada ayuda a que estos procesos fluyan sin problemas porque hay un compromiso mutuamente intercambiado entre la parroquia y el feligrés que dice que estamos allí para apoyarnos mutuamente. Que nuestra parroquia siga creciendo como una comunidad acogedora que se dedica a compartir las Buenas Nuevas de nuestro Señor Jesucristo.

En Cristo,

P. Ed Gonzales

This Week at Our Parish

Sunday, September 8, 2024
 8:00 am *KC Selling BBQ Tickets After All Masses*
 KC Breakfast - *Carolan Hall*

Monday, September 9, 2024
 5:30 pm Guadalupanos Board Mtg - *Rectory Mtg Room*
 6:00 pm KC 3rd Degree Council Mtg - *Carolan Hall*

Tuesday, September 10, 2024
 5:30 pm Divine Mercy - *Rectory Mtg Room*
 6:30 pm Coro Alegria Choir Practice - *Rectory Mtg Room*
 7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion Choir Practice - *Church*

Wednesday, September 11, 2024
 7:00 pm Guadalupanos Choir Practice - *Church*
 Pastoral Council Mtg - *Rectory Mtg Room*

Thursday, September 12, 2024
 6:15 pm Guadalupanos Monthly Rosary - *Church*
 6:30 pm CDA Board Mtg - *Carolan Hall*
 Charismatic Prayer Grp - *Church*
 7:00 pm OCIA - *Rectory Mtg Room*

Friday, September 13, 2024
 9:00 am Friday Adoration - *Church*
 7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion - *Church*

Saturday, September 14, 2024

Sunday, September 15, 2024
 8:00 am Guadalupanos Mass / Mtg - *Church / Carolan Hall*
 11:00 am Coro Alegria Fundraiser - *Outside Church*
 2:00 pm "Senior" Prom - *Carolan Hall*

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 7, 2024
 5:00 pm †Christina C. Dominguez by Dominguez Family

Sunday, September 8, 2024
 8:00 am †Rudy Quintero by Oralia Sanchez Quintero
In Thanksgiving - Jerome & Pat Klar by Klar Family
 10:00 am †Ruben P. Villa by Gloria Villa
 †Salome H. Briseno & Carolina B. Briseno
 by Morales / Briseno Family
 12:00 pm †Carlos Jimenez Reyes by Jimenez Family
 †Joaquin Bazan & Candelaria Villicana by Isela Cisneros

Monday, September 9, 2024
 8:00 am †Rafael Garza by Theresa Garza

Tuesday, September 10, 2024
 8:00 am *Birthday - Lisa Dreeben Sechler* by Gonzalez Family

Wednesday, September 11, 2024
 8:00 am †Michael McDonald by the Trimmis

Thursday, September 12, 2024
 8:00 am *All Ordained Clergy and Religious*

Friday, September 13, 2024
 8:00 am †Jose Alcantar

Saturday, September 14, 2024
 8:00 am *STM Parishioners - Both Living and Deceased*
 5:00 pm Marta Perez

Sunday, September 15, 2024
 8:00 am †Frances Cuellar by Gloria Villa
 †Ralph W. Garcia by Elda T. Garcia
 10:00 am †Annemarie Oswald by Evancho Family
 †Steven Lee Waldron by Mom
 12:00 pm †Kathryn Marie Sweet by Maria T. Sweet
STM Parishioners - Both Living and Deceased



Sanctuary Light Intention:
Robert Acosta

Lecturas de la Semana del 9 - 15 Sept

Lunes: 1Cor 5:1-8; Sal 5:5-7,12; Lc 6:6-11
Martes: 1Cor 6:1-11; Sal 149:1-6,9; Lc 6:12-19
Miércoles: 1Cor 7:25-31; Sal 44:11-12,14-17; Lc 6:20-26
Jueves: 1Cor 8:1-7,11-13; Sal 138:1-3,13-14,23-24;
 Lc 6:27-38
Viernes: 1Cor 9:16-19,22-27; Sal 83:3-6,12; Lc 6:39-42
Sábado: Nm 21:4-9; Sal 77:1-2,34-38; Flp 2:6-11;
 Jn 3:13-17
Domingo: Is 50:4-9; Sal 114:1-6,8-9; Sant 2:14-18;
 Mc 8:27-35

Readings for the week of Sept 9 - 15

Monday: 1Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7,12; Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: 1Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1-6,9b; Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday: 1Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12,14-17;
 Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: 1Cor 8:1b-7,11-13; Ps 139:1b-3,13-14,
 23-24; Lk 6:27-38
Friday: 1Cor 9:16-19,22b-27; Ps 84:3-6,12;
 Lk 6:39-42
Saturday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2,34-38;
 Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Sunday: Is 50:4c-9a; Ps 116:1-6,8-9; Jas 2:14-18;
 Mk 8:27-35



Liturgical Roles

Saturday, September 14, 2024
 5:00 pm **Altar Servers** - Volunteers
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, T.Garza, R.Saldiva,
 M.Fisher, E.Guerrero
Lector - M.Fisher

Sunday, September 15, 2024
 8 am **Altar Servers** - Volunteers
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, E.Garcia,
 M.Nguyen, W+M.Torres
Lector - M.Torres

10 am **Altar Servers** - M.Lawson, C.Lawson, M.Pereida
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, M.Aguirre, D.Bernal,
 Sr.Eucharía, A.Fuentes, L.Gifford
Lector - M.Briseno

12 pm **Altar Servers** - S.Obregon, A.Gomez, A.Llanas
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Jim, C.Hernandez,
 A.Chavez, H.Gomez, R.Gomez, D+F.Malacara
Lector - A.Chavez / M.Cisneros



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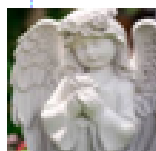
Catholic Daughters of America #2683



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
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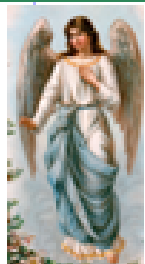


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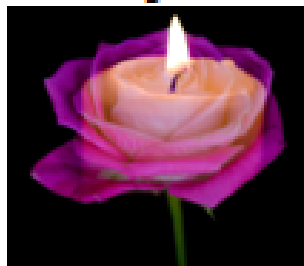


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 On behalf of
 The Canales Family
 Love Always



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 Christina C. Dominguez
 on behalf of
 The Dominguez Family



In Memory of
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 on behalf of
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 Joseph (Joe) Galvan
 &
 Billy Sheridan
 on behalf of
 The Family

St. Thomas More Guadalupans 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
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