

**St. Thomas More Catholic Church**  
**18th Sunday In Ordinary Time**  
**August 4, 2024**



**"I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." -John 6:35**

**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**

Maggie Briseño - Coordinator  
 Gilbert Cantú, Alli Fuentes, Alicia Perez,  
 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 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](http://www.St-Thomas-More-School.org)

**HOME OF THE KNIGHTS**

**PARISH OFFICE STAFF**

**PASTOR - REV. ED GONZALES** .....  
**EMAIL** ..... **FRGONZALES.STMC@GMAIL.COM**

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE -

DEACON (RET) TIMOTHY M. TATE SR. .... EXT. 106

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/SACRAMENTAL RECORDS - MARTHA GUERRA. . . EXT. 101

FACILITIES MANAGER - JOSE LUIS HERNANDEZ

4411 Moana Drive

San Antonio, Texas 78218

**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)

EMAIL :

[STMPARISH@LIVE.COM](mailto:STMPARISH@LIVE.COM)

WEBSITE:

[THOMASMORESATX.ORG](http://THOMASMORESATX.ORG)

**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*

**ORACIÓN POR LAS VOCACIONES**

*Dios Padre nuestro, te damos gracias por llamar a hombres y mujeres a servir en el Reino de tu Hijo como sacerdotes, diáconos y personas consagradas.*


*Envía tu Espíritu Santo para ayudar a otros a responder generosa y valientemente a tu llamado.*

*Que nuestra comunidad de fe apoye vocaciones de amor sacrificial en nuestros jóvenes y jóvenes adultos.*

*A través de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, que vive y reina contigo en la unidad del Espíritu Santo, un solo Dios, por los siglos de los siglos.*

*Amén*



  
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**YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

**July 28, 2024**

Sunday Collection .....	\$	5,148.17
Vigil Candles.....	\$	150.44
Helping Hands.....	\$	45.00
STM School.....	\$	701.00
Mass Intentions.....	\$	5.00

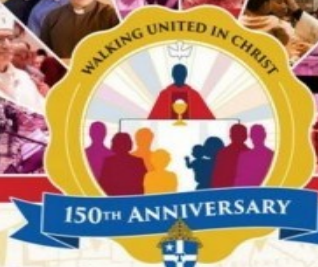
**Second Collection August 10 - 11:**

**Mission Cooperative Plan: Society of the Divine Savior**



Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller, MSpS, Invites al the people of God to this momentous Jubilee!  
 ¡El Arzobispo Gustavo Garcia-Siller, MSpS, Invita a todo el pueblo de Dios a este importante Jubileo!

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**ASSEMBLY | ASAMBLEA**

SATURDAY, OCT. 26, 2024 | 8 A.M.-3 P.M. | ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY  
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[WWW.ASEMBLYSA.ORG](http://WWW.ASEMBLYSA.ORG)

**JUST A REMINDER**

**Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, 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 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm and**

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

## Gospel Meditation:

Since my college days I've loved a song called "Dance with You" by the rock band, Live.

It touches on the deep mystical hunger of our heart: "I've tasted all the wines / a half a billion times / came sickened \to your shore / you showed me what this life is for." These lines resonate with anyone who has feasted on the good things of this world only to be left spiritually hungover and unsatisfied.

We see a similar dynamic evoked by Jesus' words after he feeds the crowd with bread and fish. To teach them to hunger for God, he recalls God's gift of manna-bread for the hungry ancient Israelites. Those folks had grown spiritually sick from the idolatrous food of Egypt yet still longed for more worthless pagan food. So, God sent heavenly bread to nourish their bodies, but also to heal their distrustful hearts. His people — like us — must learn to hunger and thirst for God alone. Before we can receive that which will not disappoint, we first must cease expecting that earthly goods will satisfy us.

We will get to the Lord's teaching on the Eucharist in the next two weeks. But first, he asks us: do you trust me to take care of you? Do you trust me to give you what you need for each day, and to not worry about the next day?

Do you see that when you hungrily stuff yourself with the things of this world you become sick and lose your taste for the bread of life? So, our hungry hearts cry out: Lord, help us to trust that you'll provide for our every need. Help us to use only what we truly need. Help us hunger for the goodness of your Son, who is the true bread from heaven.

That is what this life is for.

— *Father John Muir*

## Meditación del Evangelio:

Desde mis días de universidad me ha encantado una canción llamada "Dance with You" de la banda de rock, Live. Toca el hambre mística profunda de nuestro corazón: "He probado todos los vinos / quinientos millones de veces / vine enfermo a tu orilla / me mostraste para qué sirve esta vida". Estas líneas resuenan con cualquiera que se haya deleitado con las cosas buenas de este mundo solo para quedar espiritualmente con resaca e insatisfecho.

Vemos una dinámica similar evocada por las palabras de Jesús después de alimentar a la multitud con pan y pescado. Para enseñarles a tener hambre de Dios, recuerda el regalo de Dios del pan de maná para los antiguos israelitas hambrientos. Esas personas se habían enfermado espiritualmente por la comida idólatra de Egipto, pero aún anhelaban más comida pagana sin valor. Por lo tanto, Dios envió pan celestial para nutrir sus cuerpos, pero también para sanar sus corazones desconfiados. Su pueblo, al igual que nosotros, debe aprender a tener hambre y sed solo de Dios. Antes de que podamos recibir lo que no nos decepcionará, primero debemos dejar de esperar que los bienes terrenales nos satisfagan.

Llegaremos a la enseñanza del Señor sobre la Eucaristía en las próximas dos semanas. Pero antes, nos pregunta: ¿confías en mí para cuidar de ti? ¿Confías en mí para darte lo que necesitas cada día y no preocuparte por el día siguiente? ¿Ves que cuando te atiborras hambriento de las cosas de este mundo, te enfermas y pierdes el gusto por el pan de vida? Por lo tanto, nuestros corazones hambrientos claman: Señor, ayúdanos a confiar en que proveyerás para todas nuestras necesidades. Ayúdanos a usar solo lo que realmente necesitamos. Ayúdanos a tener hambre de la bondad de tu Hijo, que es el verdadero pan del cielo. Para eso es esta vida.

— *Father John Muir*



Please Join Us for  
**In the Beginning...  
Coping with Life Alone**  
Presented by  
**Beginning Experience of San Antonio**

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 the participants begin to deal with the loss and focus on what lies ahead. It is 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.

**When**  
Saturday, August 10, 2023, 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

**Where**  
Our Lady of Czestochowa Shrine and Retreat Center  
138 Beethoven St., San Antonio, TX 78210

**Cost**  
\$40 (includes activity supplies)  
Please bring your own lunch. Drinks and snacks provided.

**Contact**  
Barbara (210)724-9269 (If no answer, please leave a message)

Additional Programs Offered  
Moving Forward with Hope...Coping with Life Alone (multi-week), ONLINE  
Beginning Experience© Weekend

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Phil 4:13



**FIND HELP.  
FORGIVENESS.  
HEALING.  
HOPE.**



**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





**Registration for our Religious Education Classes Begins Soon!!**

Registration begins on August 1<sup>st</sup> and will continue through August 30, 2024 in the parish office, Monday-Friday 9am to 3pm.

Classes Begin as follows:

- English – September 8<sup>th</sup>
- Spanish – September 14<sup>th</sup>
- Confirmation – September 22<sup>nd</sup>

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

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

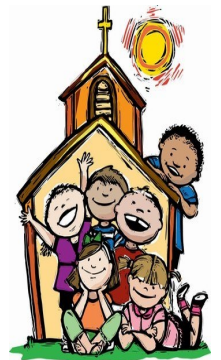
La inscripción comienza el 1 de agosto y continuará hasta el 30 de agosto de 2024 en la oficina parroquial, de lunes a viernes de 9 am a 3 pm

Las clases empiezan de la siguiente manera:

- Inglés – 8<sup>de</sup> septiembre
- Español – 14<sup>de</sup> septiembre
- Confirmación – 22<sup>de</sup> 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.



Cast the Vision for...

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

*the Beginning of the End of Abortion*

Saturday, August 10, 2024

3 - 4 pm

St. Matthew McDonald Family Center  
10703 Wurzbach Rd 78239

RSVP: Cindi@sacfl.org (210) 410-9424

- Dr. Joe Pojman - Tx Alliance for Life
- Melinda Bean - Reg Dir Silent No More
- Darlene Belanger - ED A Womens Haven
- Fr. Rafael Becerra Gonzalez - Vicar HS Cath School



**ATTENTION**

STM School Principal,  
Students, Teachers, Staff

Our Annual **BACK TO SCHOOL**  
**Backpack Blessing**

Will take place Next Weekend, August 10 and 11  
Students, Staff, and Backpacks, will receive a special Blessing




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Dear parishioners:  
We are glad to announce the inaugural **LOVESTRONG MARRIAGE RETREAT**  
When: September 27-29, 2024  
Where: St Pius X Catholic Church Family Center

**LOVESTRONG Marriage**



*\*Making good marriages even better \*Weekend event with no overnights*

For more information, contact:  
Jaymes & Sarah Tamayo, Lead Couple (210) 857-8750, jaymes.tamayo@gmail.com  
Marcus & Erin Martinez, Co-Lead Couple (210) 396-2813, Marcus.martinez05@yahoo.com (210) 833-6373, emartinez@spksa.org

Register online at [lovestrongmarriage.com](http://lovestrongmarriage.com)

**This Week at Our Parish**

**Sunday, August 4, 2024**  
10:00 am KC Mass - Church

**Monday, August 5, 2024**  
5:30 pm Guadalupanos Board Mtg - Rectory Mtg Room  
6:30 pm KC 3rd Degree Audit Mtg - Carolan Hall

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

**Wednesday, August 7, 2024**  
10:30 am Charismatic Prayer Grp Core Mtg - Rectory Mtg Rm  
6:00 pm KC 3Degree Officers Mtg - Carolan Hall  
7:00 pm Guadalupanos Choir Practice - Church

**Thursday, August 8, 2024**  
6:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Grp - Church  
6:30 pm CDA Board Mtg - Rectory Mtg Room

**Friday, August 9, 2024**  
9:00 am Friday Adoration - Church  
5:00 pm KC BBQ Plate Sale Prep - Carolan Hall  
7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion - Church

\*\*\* Fr. John Tigatiga Missions Appeal - At All Masses \*\*\*

**Saturday, August 10, 2024**

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



**Sanctuary Light Intention:**  
*Steven Lee Waldron*

**Lecturas de la Semana del 5 - 11 Aug**

**Lunes:** Jr 28:1-17; Sal 118:29,43,79,80,95,102; Mt 14:13-21

**Martes:** Dn 7:9-10,13-14; Sal 96:1-2,5-6,9; 2Pe 1:16-19; Mc 9:2-10

**Miércoles:** Jr 31:1-7; Jr 31:10,11-13; Mt 15:21-28

**Jueves:** Jr 31:31-34; Sal 50:12-15,18-19; Mt 16:13-23

**Viernes:** Nah 2:1,3; 3:1-3,6-7; Dt 32:35-36,39,41; Mt 16:24-28

**Sábado:** 2Cor 9:6-10; Sal 111:1-2,5-9; Jn 12:24-26

**Domingo:** 1Re 19:4-8; Sal 33:2-9; Ef 4:30-5:2; Jn 6:41-51

**Readings for the week of Aug 5 - 11**

**Monday:** Jer 28:1-17; Ps 119:29,43,79,80,95,102; Mt 14:13-21

**Tuesday:** Dn 7:9-10,13-14; Ps 97:1-2,5-6,9; 2Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10

**Wednesday:** Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10-13; Mt 15:21-28

**Thursday:** Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:12-15,18-19; Mt 16:13-23

**Friday:** Na 2:1,3; 3:1-3,6-7; Dt 32:35-36,39,41; Mt 16:24-28

**Saturday:** 2Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2,5-9; Jn 12:24-26

**Sunday:** 1Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34:2-9; Eph 4:30-5:2; Jn 6:41-51

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, August 3, 2024**  
8:00 am †Al Weinheimer by Carolyn Weinheimer  
5:00 pm †Christina C. Dominguez by Dominguez Family

**Sunday, August 4, 2024**  
8:00 am †Baldemar Saldiva by Rosa Saldiva  
10:00 am **STM Parishioners - Both Living and Deceased**  
†Rudy & Mary Ellen Oswald by Oswald Family  
†Medardo E Morales & Evangelina G. Morales by Morales / Briseno Families  
12:00 pm †Kathryn Marie Sweet by Maria T. Sweet  
**Wedding Anniversary - Raymond & Selena Coy** by Carmen Martinez

**Monday, August 5, 2024**  
8:00 am †Steven Lee Waldron by Mom  
†Maria Rosalinda Mendiola by Daughter & Grandchildren

**Tuesday, August 6, 2024**  
8:00 am †Jose Luis Flores, Jr. by Mom and Family  
**Special Intention for Luis Mendez** by Mendez Family

**Wednesday, August 7, 2024**  
8:00 am **Special Intention for Michael Garber** by Margie Murray

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

**Friday, August 9, 2024**  
8:00 am †Tencha Martinez by Daughters

**Saturday, August 10, 2024**  
8:00 am **Special Intention for Luis Mendez** by Mendez Family  
**STM Parishioners - Both Living and Deceased**  
†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  
†Anselmo Quevedo by Jardon & Quevedo Family



**Liturgical Roles**

**Saturday, August 10, 2024**  
5:00 pm **Altar Servers** - Volunteers  
**Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Rolando, R.Alvarado, C.Lang, T.Garza, E.Guerrero  
**Lector** - T.Garza

**Sunday, August 11, 2024**  
8 am **Altar Servers** - Volunteers  
**Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Rolando, M.Aguirre, Y.Cione, R.Castaneda, R.Saldiva  
**Lector** - S.Castaneda

10 am **Altar Servers** - M.Lawson, C.Lawson, A.Hartsfield  
**Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Tim, Sr.Eucharía, A.Fuentes, L.Gifford, P+R.Mendoza, H.Rodriguez  
**Lector** - M.Briseno

12 pm **Altar Servers** - S.Obregon, A.Gomez, A.Llanas  
**Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Tim, C.Hernandez, F.Hernandez, C.Martinez, I.Hernandez, D+F.Malacara  
**Lector** - D+F.Malacara



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

ST. THOMAS MORE  
Knights of Columbus Council # 7386  
meets 2nd Monday of each month  
at 7:00 p.m.  
For more information call  
Rick Briseño at 210-834-7017

Catholic Daughters of America #2683

Monthly Meeting:  
3rd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.  
Contact Regent  
Vicky Smith at 210-724-4994

In Memory of  
The Leo Oswald &  
The Fred Lansing  
Families



IN LOVING MEMORY  
OF REX A. BRIEN  
&  
MR. & MRS.  
HILDO CASTELLON

PRAY FOR THE 3 MOST  
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



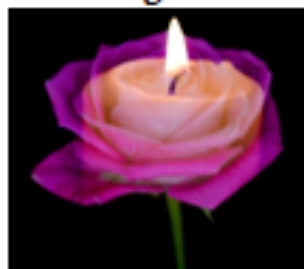
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on behalf of  
The Sprague Family



In Loving Memory  
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Louise Baiza Garza,  
Robert Garza  
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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 Guadalupenos 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  
**WBI 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  
Assistance & Safe Environment at  
(210) 734-7786 OR (877) 700-1888  
or email: [ovase@archsa.org](mailto:ovase@archsa.org).

You have the right to contact law  
enforcement or CPS at any time.

All calls or emails will be  
responded to within 48 hours.

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In Loving Memory  
of  
Santiago G. Garcia Sr.  
on behalf of  
The Garcia Family

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