

St. Thomas More Catholic Church
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 20, 2024

Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.
Psalm 33:22



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.

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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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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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.

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Gospel Meditation:

From a young age, I loved winning at sports. I confess that winning was a bit of an addiction. It was probably coming from a deep desire for attention and affirmation from others. Nevertheless, it was a driving motivation for me. Baseball, soccer, track, table tennis, and whatever else I could find was a chance to win. Competition was my obsession.

Another John, and his brother James, demonstrate a kind of wildly competitive obsession when they dare to say to Jesus: “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory” (Mark 10:37). Their audacity arouses an indigent reaction from the other apostles, who are clearly raw that these two are out to win the highest spots.

How does Jesus respond to us in our desires for greatness? The same way he does to James and John. He does not criticize them for their desire for glory. But he does highlight their ignorance (“you do not know what you are asking.”). Then he invites them to be champions of true greatness: by drinking not the cup of worldly victory, but his cup of self-giving suffering love, to be the “slave of all.”

The true winners are slaves of love. This week, dare to tell Jesus what your ambitions truly are. Hear him call you to an even greater victory.

— Father John Muir

Meditación del Evangelio:

Desde muy joven, me encantaba ganar en los deportes. Confieso que ganar era un poco una adicción. Probablemente provenía de un profundo deseo de atención y afirmación por parte de los demás. Sin embargo, fue una motivación determinante para mí. El béisbol, el fútbol, el atletismo, el tenis de mesa y cualquier otra cosa que pudiera encontrar era una oportunidad para ganar. La competencia era mi obsesión.

Otro Juan, y su hermano Santiago, demuestran una especie de obsesión tremendamente competitiva cuando se atreven a decirle a Jesús: “Concédenos sentarnos, uno a tu derecha y otro a tu izquierda, en tu gloria” (Mc 10:37). Su audacia despierta una reacción indigente de los otros apóstoles, que están claramente descarados de que estos dos están dispuestos a ganar los puestos más altos.

¿Cómo nos responde Jesús en nuestros deseos de grandeza? De la misma manera que lo hace con Santiago y Juan. No los critica por su deseo de gloria. Pero sí pone de relieve su ignorancia (“no sabéis lo que pedís”). Luego los invita a ser campeones de la verdadera grandeza: bebiendo, no el cáliz de la victoria mundana, sino el cáliz del amor sufriente que se da a sí mismo, para ser el “esclavo de todos”. Los verdaderos ganadores son esclavos del amor. Esta semana, atrévete a decirle a Jesús cuáles son realmente tus ambiciones. Escúchalo llamarte a una victoria aún mayor.

— Father John Muir

YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

October 13, 2024

Sunday Collection	\$ 5,490.45
Vigil Candles.....	\$ 178.86
Facilities Improvement.....	\$ 1,503.34
Mass Intentions.....	\$ 55.00
All Souls Day.....	\$ 85.00
School.....	\$ 20.00
Donations.....	\$ 514.00
Bazaar (Event).....	\$ 2,569.50
Bazaar Donation.....	\$ 1,000.00

**Second Collection Oct 26 - 27:
to Support our STM 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



MAY THEY REST IN PEACE:

May God comfort the family and friends of

Catalina (Cata) Rosas

(Mother of Deacon Roberto Rosas),

Benito (Ben) Hernandez

(Brother of Parishioner Virginia Rabel), and

Longtime Parishioner Virginia Gay

All who passed away recently

Our sincere sympathy and assurances of prayers are extended to all in the

Rosas, Rabel/Hernandez, and Gay

Families...

May They Rest in Peace.

Made to Serve

I thought it often in my first year as a mother, when I was every day discovering what this new life of parenthood looked and felt like: doing anything with kids is a hundred times harder than doing it without kids. But it's a thousand times better.

From eating dinner to going to Mass to taking a walk around the block — every single outing, even the simplest ones, had an extra level of logistical complexity. I had to bring diapers and food and extra clothes, I had to be ready to distract, to comfort, to settle, to de-escalate. Before, I just showed up, did the thing and went home. Now, I had to be ready to coordinate.

I had to be ready to serve.

But even while everything had become so much more complicated, so much harder, there was suddenly a joyfulness to these experiences that had not been there before. Yes, I was a mom now, a servant if there ever was one, constantly tending to someone else's needs, and it was difficult. Sometimes terribly so. But it was beautiful *(not in a physical way — I was usually covered in baby spit-up — but my soul had that glow, you know?)*.

It was the first time in my life that I really understood what it was to serve, and the power of that vocation to which we are all called.

This isn't just true of parenthood. It's true of every relationship. When we find someone we can meaningfully, wholeheartedly serve — our spouse, our best friend, our employees, our students, our patients, whoever it is — the effort becomes nothing compared to the joy and the fulfillment we find in the work.

We were made for greatness, and Christ tells us that to be great is to serve. So don't be afraid of greatness.

Don't be afraid to serve.




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- Birth certificate for all children in the household
- Eviction notice and lease
- Disconnection notice

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Register Below



Hecho para Servir

Lo pensé a menudo en mi primer año como madre, cuando todos los días descubría cómo era y se sentía esta nueva vida de paternidad: hacer algo con niños es cien veces más difícil que hacerlo sin niños. Pero es mil veces mejor.

Desde cenar hasta ir a misa y dar un paseo alrededor de la cuadra, cada salida, incluso las más simples, tenían un nivel adicional de complejidad logística. Tenía que llevar pañales, comida y ropa extra, tenía que estar lista para distraer, para consolar, para calmar, para des-escalar. Antes, simplemente aparecía, hacía lo que hacía y me iba a casa. Ahora, tenía que estar lista para coordinar.

Tenía que estar lista para servir.

Pero incluso cuando todo se había vuelto mucho más complicado, mucho más difícil, de repente había una alegría en estas experiencias que no había existido antes. Sí, ahora era madre, una sirvienta si alguna vez hubo una, atendiendo constantemente las necesidades de otra persona, y era difícil. A veces terriblemente. Pero era hermoso *(no de una manera física, por lo general estaba cubierta de vomito de bebé, pero mi alma tenía ese brillo, ¿sabes?)*.

Fue la primera vez en mi vida que realmente entendí lo que era servir, y el poder de esa vocación a la que todos estamos llamados.

Esto no solo es cierto para la paternidad. Es cierto para todas las relaciones. Cuando encontramos a alguien a quien podemos servir de manera significativa y de todo corazón, nuestro cónyuge, nuestro mejor amigo, nuestros empleados, nuestros estudiantes, nuestros pacientes, quienquiera que sea, el esfuerzo se convierte en nada comparado con la alegría y la satisfacción que encontramos en el trabajo.

Fuimos hechos para la grandeza, y Cristo nos dice que ser grande es servir. Así que no tengas miedo a la grandeza.

No tengas miedo de servir.

ATTENTION

Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Volunteers are needed for our *homebound ministry*. We need English, Spanish, and Bi-lingual Ministers!

It doesn't require a lot of time... and our home-bound parishioners appreciate it as they once again feel a part of 'our community.'

Please, pray over this ministry; see if you feel a call to serve.

The reward will be great.



ATENCIÓN

Ministros Extraordinarios de la Sagrada Comunión

Se necesitan voluntarios para nuestro *Ministerio a Confinados en Casa*. ¡Necesitamos ministros que hablen inglés, español o son bilingües!

No requiere mucho tiempo... y nuestros feligreses confinados en casa lo aprecian, ya que una vez más se sienten una parte de 'nuestra comunidad'.

Por favor, oren por este ministerio; Fíjate si sientes un llamado a servir.

La recompensa será grande.

If Interested / Si está interesado, comuníquese con Elizabeth Licon al: (575) 202-1827

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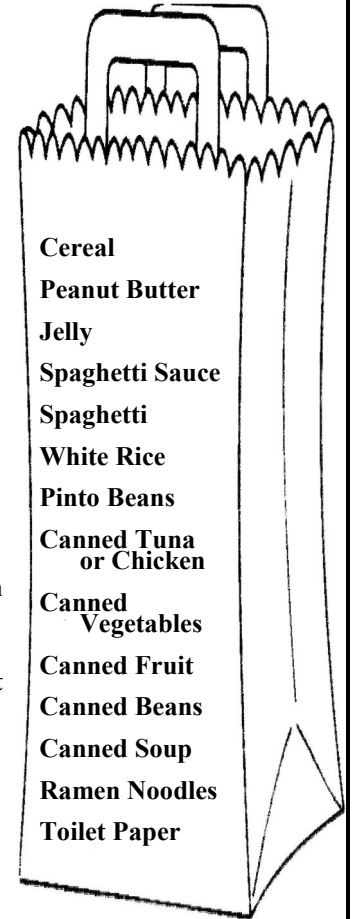
The Holidays are **FAST** approaching... Your donations allow us to keep our shelves stocked.

By purchasing a few extra food items each week, you can make a difference in the lives of those who need help! The items listed are placed in food bags which those in need can get once every 30 days.

Food can be dropped off at SVdP at St Pius X - Mon, Wed or Fri from 10 am to 1 pm.

Every donation (*big or small*) is appreciated.

God Bless!



- Cereal
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Spaghetti
- White Rice
- Pinto Beans
- Canned Tuna or Chicken
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Beans
- Canned Soup
- Ramen Noodles
- Toilet Paper

THE BISHOP WANTS TO HONOR THE MOST IMPORTANT PEOPLE IN OUR PARISH -- WHO SHOULD WE CHOOSE?

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I'D START WITH THE CLEANING WOMAN, THEN THERE'S THE COOK AFTER THAT, THE CUSTODIAN, AND LET'S NOT FORGET THE GARDENER, THEN THERE ARE ALL OUR LAY VOLUNTEERS...

"WHOEVER WISHES TO BE GREAT AMONG YOU WILL BE YOUR SERVANT!"

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COULD YOU REPEAT THAT FOR MY HUSBAND PLEASE? I DON'T THINK HE HAS EVER HEARD THAT ONE.

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This Week at Our Parish

Sunday, October 20, 2024
 8:00 am Guadalupe Mass / Mtg - Church / Carolan Hall
 1:00 pm Parish Anniversary Reception - Carolan Hall

Monday, October 21, 2024

Tuesday, October 22, 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, October 23, 2024
 6:00 pm KC 4th Degree Mtg - Carolan Hall

Thursday, October 24, 2024 -
 6:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Grp - Church
 7:00 pm OCIA - Rectory Mtg Room

Friday, October 25, 2024
 9:00 am Friday Adoration - Church
 6:00 pm KC Breakfast Prep - Carolan Hall
 7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion Fellowship - Carolan Hall

Saturday, October 26, 2024

Sunday, October 27, 2024
 8:00 am KC Breakfast - Carolan Hall
 CDA Bakesale - Carolan Hall
 10:00 am CDA Mass - Church

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 19, 2024
 5:00 pm **STM Parishioners - Both Living and Deceased**

Sunday, October 20, 2024
 8:00 am †Ralph W. Garcia by Elda T. Garcia
 †David Aguillon by Family
 10:00 am †Charles & Genevieve Oswald by Evancho Family
 †Juan Mireles by Family
 12:00 pm †Anselmo Quevedo by Jardon / Quevedo Family
 †Baldemar Gutierrez & Floretina Gutierrez by Isela Cisneros

Monday, October 21, 2024
 8:00 am †Andres & Olivia Flores by Jose & Stella Lopez

Tuesday, October 22, 2024
 8:00 am †Theresa Hoi by Kim Nguyen

Wednesday, October 23, 2024
 8:00 am †Stevie & Gilda Flores by Jose & Stella Lopez

Thursday, October 24, 2024
 8:00 am †Ralph W. Garcia by Elda T. Garcia
All Ordained Clergy and Religious

Friday, October 25, 2024
 8:00 am †Alice Sanchez by Alfredo & Irma Sanchez
 †Patricia Butts by Family
In Thanksgiving for Rosie Borrego by Family

Saturday, October 26, 2024
 8:00 am †Vicente Nghiep by Kim Nguyen
 5:00 pm †Maria Concepcion Bazan by Isela Cisneros

Sunday, October 27, 2024
 8:00 am †Anna Biemer by Richard & Dorothy Perez
STM Parishioners - Both Living and Deceased
 10:00 am †Steven Lee Wadron by Mom
 †Juan Arredondo by Martha Arredondo & Family
 12:00 pm †Kathry Marie Sweet by Maria T. Sweet
In Thanksgiving for Jose Borrego by Family



Sanctuary Light Intention:
Health - Deacon Rolando Guerra

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Lecturas de la Semana del 21 - 27 Oct

Lunes: Ef 2:1-10; Sal 99:1-5; Lc 12:13-21
Martes: Ef 2:12-22; Sal 84:9-14; Lc 12:35-38
Miércoles: Ef 3:2-12; Sal 11:2-6; Lc 12:39-48
Jueves: Ef 3:14-21; Sal 32:1-2,4-5,11-12,18-19;
 Lc 12:49-53
Viernes: Ef 4:1-6; Sal 23:1-6; Lc 12:54-59
Sábado: Ef 4:7,7-16; Sal 121:1-5; Lc 13:1-9
Domingo: Jr 31:7-9; Sal 125:1-6; Heb 5:1-6;
 Mc 10:46-52

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, October 26, 2024
 5:00 pm **Altar Servers - Volunteers**
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, R.Saldiva, S.Trimm,
 R.Alvarado, T.Guerrero
Lector - T.Guerrero

Sunday, October 27, 2024
 8 am **Altar Servers -** Mem.Planchon, Max.Planchon
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, M.Aguirre, R.Castaneda,
 Y.Cione, P.Klar
Lector - P.Klar

10 am **Altar Servers -** L.McCaffery, M.Pereida, B.Pereida
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, CDA
Lector - CDA

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

Readings for the week of Oct 21 - 27

Monday: Eph 2:1-10; Ps 100:1-5; Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12; Ps 12:2-6; Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Eph 3:14-21; Ps 33:1-2,4-5,11-12,18-19;
 Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Eph 4:1-6; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: Eph 4:7-16; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 13:1-9
Sunday: Jer 31:7-9; Ps 126:1-6; Heb 5:1-6;
 Mk 10:46-52



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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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



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

**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
Florencio Baiza,
Louise Baiza Garza,
Robert Garza
&
Mr. & Mrs.
Ruben Rodriguez Sr.



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

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Out Monthly Meeting & Fellowship Meets
The 3rd Sunday of the month, after the
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Will Torres at 210.620.2745

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