

*The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy. -Psalm 126:3*



30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 27, 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, 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

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**"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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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:

Near my house there is a school for the blind. Often, I see blind people learning how to navigate the world with only a walking stick, even on a busy street with roaring traffic. I'm amazed to see how adept and carefully they get around without sight. Nevertheless, often a sadness arises in me that he or she cannot see all the beautiful colors, images, and persons filling the world around them. Those days, I find myself deeply grateful for the basic privilege of sight.

That's part of why the mystery of Jesus as the sight-giver is so moving to me. This week, it's wonderful how Bartimaeus the blind man is no longer content with his limitation and bellows out his desire for Jesus' mercy. In beautiful simplicity, he cries out to the Lord, "Master, let me receive my sight." Jesus quietly heals his sight. And off he goes, fully taking in the world around him. Imagine the delightful new way in which he is able to respond to the world.

Like blind Bartimaeus and the courageous people in my neighborhood, we may be able to get around reasonably well in our daily lives. But we are blind to the gestures of heroic love of people close to us. We can't see the desperate need of the hungry, thirsty, imprisoned, exploited, endangered, and so on, in our midst. We can't see Jesus drawing near to us in so many ways, but he is. This Sunday let's cry out to him: Lord have mercy on me! I want to see! And little by little — or perhaps in a flash — we'll see once again, or perhaps for the first time.

— *Father John Muir*

Meditación del Evangelio:

Cerca de mi casa hay una escuela para ciegos. A menudo, veo a personas ciegas aprendiendo a navegar por el mundo con solo un bastón, incluso en una calle concurrida con tráfico rugiente. Me sorprende ver lo hábiles y cuidadosos que se mueven sin ver. Sin embargo, a menudo surge en mí la tristeza de que él o ella no pueda ver todos los hermosos colores, imágenes y personas que llenan el mundo a su alrededor. En esos días, me siento profundamente agradecido por el privilegio básico de la vista.

Esa es parte de la razón por la que el misterio de Jesús como el dador de la vista es tan conmovedor para mí. Esta semana, es maravilloso cómo Bartimeo, el ciego, ya no está contento con su limitación y grita su deseo de la misericordia de Jesús. Con hermosa sencillez, clama al Señor: "Maestro, permíteme recibir mi vista". Jesús sana silenciosamente su vista. Y se va, asimilando por completo el mundo que le rodea. Imagínese la nueva y deliciosa manera en que es capaz de responder al mundo.

Al igual que el ciego Bartimeo y la gente valiente de mi vecindario, es posible que podamos movernos razonablemente bien en nuestra vida diaria. Pero estamos ciegos a los gestos de amor heroico de las personas cercanas a nosotros. No podemos ver la necesidad desesperada de los hambrientos, sedientos, encarcelados, explotados, en peligro, etc., entre nosotros. No podemos ver a Jesús acercándose a nosotros de muchas maneras, pero lo hace. Este domingo clamemos a él: ¡Señor, ten piedad de mí! ¡Quiero ver! Y poco a poco, o tal vez en un instante, lo veremos una vez más, o tal vez por primera vez.

— *Father John Muir*

YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

October 20, 2024

Sunday Collection	\$ 4,974.65
Vigil Candles.....	\$ 120.58
Facilities Improvement.....	\$ 60.00
Mass Intentions.....	\$ 80.00
All Souls Day.....	\$ 359.00
School.....	\$ 70.00
Hope for the Future.....	\$ 565.19
Bazaar Donation.....	\$ 75.00

***Second Collection Nov 2 - 3:
Campaign for Human Development***



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



EL DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS (Day of the Dead)



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 "Coro Alegría" and "Grupo de Oración" will erect a "Day of the Dead" altar at the main entrance of the church Friday, October 25th.

Everyone is welcome to place a picture or memento of their loved one(s) who have passed.

(Please place your name and phone number on your picture or memento).

The altar will be taken down on Sunday, November 3rd - after the Noon Mass

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



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 el Coro Alegría y el Grupo de Oración el viernes, el 25 de octubre.

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)

El altar será desmontado domingo, el 3 de noviembre - después de la misa del mediodía.

(las fotos y/o artículos se pueden recoger en la oficina de la rectoría durante horas regulares)

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 like taking 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 each day from November 1 to 8, devoutly visit a cemetery and pray, *if only mentally*, for the departed;

On All Souls' Day (or, according to the judgement of the ordinary, on the Sunday preceding or following it, or on the solemnity of All Saints), devoutly visit a church or an oratory and recite an Our Father and the Creed.

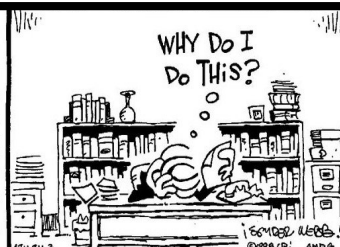
A Partial Indulgence, applicable only to the souls in Purgatory, is granted to the faithful who,

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).

ASK FATHER FLOOD



From the Pastor’s Desk

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ,

Our formation in stewardship began with reflecting on and praying about our sense of belonging to Christ and to St. Thomas More Catholic Church and School. This sense of belonging naturally leads us to a new phase of involvement and ministry. In my homily, I did not provide many specific examples of ministry because I recognize that our parish and school offer a wide variety of ways to get involved. Just as we are gradually being formed in stewardship, we take a gradual approach to ministry. A prayerful focus helps us discern not only how to get involved but also how much we can commit. Ministry is an integral part of following Christ and a direct expression of our sense of belonging. Belonging to our spiritual home means that we care for it together.

The second stewardship homily concluded with this call: “Wisdom calls us to discern how to serve, God’s Word calls us to respond actively, and true discipleship means letting go of what holds us back from fully engaging in the Church’s mission.” Wisdom invites us to explore the many opportunities for ministry in our parish and school, and one great way to start is by speaking with someone who is already involved. Many of our volunteers would be happy to share how their ministry has not only enriched the parish but also deepened their own faith. God's Word meets us where we are, revealing our unique gifts while also helping us recognize the obstacles that may be holding us back. True discipleship challenges us to confront our fears and excuses so that we can experience the fullness of serving in ministry. For those who discern that now is not the time to get involved, I ask you to pray for those already serving and for those discerning their place. In God’s design, ministry flourishes when the efforts of volunteers are prayerfully supported by the community they serve. Together, we give thanks for the blessings we receive, recognizing that our service is not just for each other but a response to God’s call to participate in His work. The gratitude we share is ultimately directed toward God, whose grace sustains all the good we do in our parish.

Peace,
Fr. Ed Gonzales



Del Escritorio del Pastor

Saludos Hermanos y Hermanas en Jesucristo

Nuestra formación en la mayordomía comenzó reflexionando y orando sobre nuestro sentido de pertenencia a Cristo y a la Iglesia y Escuela Católica de St. Thomas More. Este sentido de pertenencia nos lleva naturalmente a una nueva fase de participación y ministerio. En mi homilía, no di muchos ejemplos específicos de ministerio porque reconozco que nuestra parroquia y escuela ofrecen una amplia variedad de formas de involucrarse. Así como estamos siendo formados gradualmente en la mayordomía, también tomamos un enfoque gradual en el ministerio. Con un enfoque en la oración, podemos discernir no solo cómo involucrarnos, sino también cuánto podemos comprometernos. El ministerio es una parte esencial de seguir a Cristo y una expresión directa de nuestro sentido de pertenencia. Pertenecer a nuestro hogar espiritual significa que lo cuidamos juntos.

La segunda homilía sobre la mayordomía concluyó con este llamado: 'La sabiduría nos llama a discernir cómo servir, la Palabra de Dios nos llama a responder activamente, y el verdadero discipulado significa dejar atrás lo que nos impide comprometernos plenamente con la misión de la Iglesia.' La sabiduría nos invita a explorar las muchas oportunidades de ministerio en nuestra parroquia y escuela, y una excelente manera de comenzar es hablar con alguien que ya esté involucrado. Muchos de nuestros voluntarios estarían encantados de compartir cómo su ministerio no solo ha enriquecido a la parroquia, sino también ha profundizado su propia fe. La Palabra de Dios nos encuentra donde estamos, revelando nuestros dones únicos mientras nos ayuda a reconocer los obstáculos que pueden estar frenándonos. El verdadero discipulado nos desafía a enfrentar nuestros miedos y excusas para que podamos experimentar la plenitud de servir en el ministerio. Para aquellos que discernen que no es el momento de involucrarse, les pido que oren por los que ya están sirviendo y por aquellos que están discerniendo su lugar. En el diseño de Dios, el ministerio florece cuando los esfuerzos de los voluntarios son apoyados con oración por la comunidad a la que sirven. Juntos, damos gracias por las bendiciones que recibimos, reconociendo que nuestro servicio no es solo entre nosotros, sino una respuesta al llamado de Dios para participar en Su obra. La gratitud que compartimos está, en última instancia, dirigida a Dios, cuya gracia sostiene todo el bien que hacemos en nuestra parroquia.

Paz,
P. Ed Gonzales

This Week at Our Parish

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

Monday, October 28, 2024

Tuesday, October 29, 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 30, 2024

Thursday, October 31, 2024 -
 6:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Grp - *Cancelled*
 7:00 pm OCIA - *Cancelled*

Friday, November 1, 2024 - All Saints Day
 *** *Parish Offices Closed* ***
 9:00 am Friday Adoration - *Cancelled*
 6:00 pm School Halloween Bash - *School*
 6:30 pm Coro Alegria Guitar Practice - *Cancelled*
 7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion - *Cancelled*

Saturday, November 2, 2024 - All Souls Day
 3:30 pm Cenaculo de la Divina Misericordia - *Rectory Mtg Rm*
 *** *Daylight Saving Time Ends - Fall Back* ***

Sunday, November 3, 2024
 10:00 am KC Mass - *Church*

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 26, 2024
 5:00 pm †Maria Concepcion Bazan by Isela Cisneros

Sunday, October 27, 2024
 8:00 am †Ann 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 †Kathryn Marie Sweet by Maria T. Sweet
In Thanksgiving for Jose Borrego by Family

Monday, October 28, 2024
 8:00 am †Mireya Quinones by Maricela Garcia

Tuesday, October 29, 2024
 8:00 am †Vicente Tuan by Kim Nguyen

Wednesday, October 30, 2024
 8:00 am †Theresa Hoi by Kim Nguyen

Thursday, October 31, 2024
 8:00 am †Zoraida Cerda by Maricela Garcia
All Ordained Clergy and Religious
 6:30 pm †Vicente Khanh by Kim Nguyen

Friday, November 1, 2024 - All Saints Day - a Holy Day of Obligation
 8:00 am †Steven Lee + Steven Dale Waldron by Family
 †Rafael Garza by Theresa Garza
 6:30 pm †Juan Mireles by Family
 †Michael McDonald by the Trimmis

Saturday, November 2, 2024 - All Souls Day - NOT a HDO
 8:00 am †Pablo Sanchez by Alfredo & Irma Sanchez
STM Parishioners - Both Living and Deceased
 5:00 pm †Kathryn Marie Sweet by Maria T. Sweet
 †Christina C. Dominguez by Dominguez Family

Sunday, November 3, 2024
 8:00 am †Ann Biemer by Richard & Dorothy Perez
 10:00 am †Medardo E. Morales & Evangelina G. Morales
 By Morales / Briseno Family
 †Juan Arredondo by Martha Arredondo & Family
 12:00 pm †El Matrimonio Cisneros Zavala & Jesus Cisneros Cisneros,
 †Rafael Soria Anguiano & Pedro Cisneros Zavala
 By Guadalupe Soria



The Healing Holidays - Making your Grief Count seminar was a great success.

Many thanks to Porter Loring for its presentation, many thanks to those who attended... and many thanks to the office staff for all of its support.

Ruth Rand

Lecturas de la Semana del 28 Oct - 3 Nov

Lunes: Ef 2:19-22; Sal 18:2-5; Lc 6:12-19
Martes: Ef 5:21-33; Sal 127:1-5; Lc 13:18-21
Miércoles: Ef 6:1-9; Sal 144:10-14; Lc 13:22-30
Jueves: Ef 6:10-20; Sal 143:1,2,9-10; Lc 13:31-35
Viernes: Ap 7:2-4,9-14; Sal 23:1-6; 1Jn 3:1-3;
 Mt 5:1-12
Sábado: Sab 4:7-14; Sal 24:6,7,17-18,20-21;
 Rom 5:17-21; Mt 11:25-30
Domingo: Dt 6:2-6; Sal 17:2-4,47,51; Heb 7:23-28;
 Mc 12:28-34

Readings for the week of Oct 28 - Nov 3

Monday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16
Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33; Ps 128:1-5; Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday: Eph 6:1-9; Ps 145:10-14; Lk 13:22-30
Thursday: Eph 6:10-20; Ps 144:1b,2,9-10;
 Lk 13:31-35
Friday: Rv 7:2-4,9-14; Ps 24:1b-6; 1Jn 3:1-3;
 Mt 5:1-12
Saturday: Wis 4:7-14; Ps 25:6,7b,17-18,20-21;
 Rom 5:17-21; Mt 11:25-30
Sunday: Dt 6:2-6; Ps 18:2-4,47,51; Heb 7:23-28;
 Mk 12:28b-34



Sanctuary Light Intention:
Health - Deacon Rolando Guerra

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, November 2, 2024
 5:00 pm **Altar Servers** - Volunteers
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, M.Fisher, C.Lang,
 E.Guerrero, T.Guerrero
Lector - R.Alvarado
 *** *Daylight Saving Time Ends - Fall Back* ***

Sunday, November 3, 2024
 8 am **Altar Servers** - Mem.Planchon, Max.Planchon
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, E.Garcia, P.Klar,
 M.Nguyen, R.Saldiva
Lector - T.Garza
 10 am **Altar Servers** - L.McCaffery, M.Pereida, B.Pereida
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Jim, P+R.Mendoza,
 W+M.Torres, J+And.Perez
Lector - M.Briseno
 12 pm **Altar Servers** - A.Gomez, S.Obregon, A.Llanas
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, C.Hernandez,
 C.Martinez, E.Obregon, F.Hernandez,
 D+F.Malacara
Lector - E.Licon / H.Gomez



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 Knights of Columbus Council # 7386
 meets 2nd Monday of each month
 at 7:00 p.m.
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 Rick Briseño at 210-834-7017

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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



In Memory of
Christina C. Dominguez
 on behalf of
The Dominguez Family



In Memory
 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.
 Out Monthly Meeting & Fellowship Meets
 The 3rd Sunday of the month, after the
 8:00 a.m. Mass. For more information call
Will Torres at 210.620.2745

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 If you or someone you know has been a
 victim of sexual abuse by a priest,
 deacon, or other church personnel and
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 enforcement or CPS at any time.
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 responded to within 48 hours.

In Memory of
Dr. Steven D. Sprague
 on behalf of
The Sprague Family



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.



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

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 on behalf of
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