

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.



*Therefore what God has joined together,
no person is to separate.*

**27th Sunday In Ordinary Time
October 6, 2024**

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 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

HOME OF THE KNIGHTS

PARISH OFFICE STAFF

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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)

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STMPARISH@LIVE.COM

WEBSITE:

THOMASMORESATX.ORG

Gospel Meditation:

As a young pastor years ago, I met with a middle-aged couple who had been divorced and civilly remarried. They were frustrated that an annulment had to precede a Church marriage. Sympathizing with their plight, I promised to walk with them along their journey. Once as we sat in my office, the man said to me, "Why is the Church so difficult on marriage?" I replied, "Actually, Jesus' teaching is what's difficult." He furrowed his brow and asked what I meant.

We opened the Bible and together read today's gospel passage from Mark 10:12 in which Jesus says, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another, commits adultery with her..." My two friends sat in silent astonishment. Surely Jesus understands the complexities of human life and sexual love. The words hung thick and heavy in the air. How could the merciful Lord be so seemingly unrealistic in his expectations, especially with so much divorce and remarriage in our world?

I didn't know what to say. So, we kept reading. Next, Jesus says, "Let the children come to me." The innocence of children allows them to receive and give love, to trust unconditionally, to believe in love that endures. Most children aren't yet jaded by statistics, broken hearts, or dysfunctional relationships. Children remind us of the world to come. The couple and I began to talk about child-like trust in Jesus and his teaching, and we continued to move forward. When it comes to the Church's demanding teaching on marriage, it's best to approach it as trusting children, whatever situations in which we find ourselves.

— Father John Muir

Meditación del Evangelio:

Hace años, cuando era un joven pastor, me reuní con una pareja de mediana edad que se había divorciado y se había vuelto a casar por lo civil. Se sentían frustrados de que una anulación tuviera que preceder a un matrimonio por la Iglesia. Solidarizándome con su difícil situación, prometí acompañarlos en su viaje. Una vez, mientras estábamos sentados en mi oficina, el hombre me dijo: "¿Por qué la Iglesia es tan difícil con el matrimonio?" Le respondí: "En realidad, la enseñanza de Jesús es lo difícil". Frunció el ceño y me preguntó a qué me refería.

Abrimos la Biblia y juntos leímos el pasaje del Evangelio de hoy de Marcos 10:12 en el que Jesús dice: "El que se divorcia de su mujer y se casa con otra, comete adulterio con ella..."

Mis dos amigos se sentaron en silencio asombrados. Seguramente Jesús entiende las complejidades de la vida humana y del amor sexual. Las palabras flotaban espesas y pesadas en el aire. ¿Cómo pudo el Señor misericordioso ser tan aparentemente poco realista en sus expectativas, especialmente con tantos divorcios y segundas nupcias en nuestro mundo?

No supe qué decir. Así que seguimos leyendo. A continuación, Jesús dice: "Dejad que los niños vengan a mí". La inocencia de los niños les permite recibir y dar amor, confiar incondicionalmente, creer en el amor que perdura. La mayoría de los niños aún no están hastiados de las estadísticas, los corazones rotos o las relaciones disfuncionales. Los niños nos recuerdan el mundo venidero. La pareja y yo comenzamos a hablar sobre la confianza infantil en Jesús y sus enseñanzas, y continuamos avanzando. Cuando se trata de la exigente enseñanza de la Iglesia sobre el matrimonio, es mejor abordarla como hijos confiados, independientemente de las situaciones en las que nos encontremos.

— Father John Muir

YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

September 29, 2024

Sunday Collection	\$ 4,769.75
Vigil Candles.....	\$ 117.26
Facilities Improvement.....	\$ 50.00
Mass Intentions.....	\$ 20.00

**Second Collection Oct 12 - 13:
to Support our Facilities Improvement Fund**



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



STM Parish Anniversary



Our 60th Anniversary celebration will be held on Sunday, October 20th during the Noon Mass. Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller will be our main celebrant.

Following the liturgy there will be a catered meal in Carolan Hall. (Please sign yourself / your-family up on the clip boards in the back of the church... so we can ensure enough food is available)

If you have pictures of yourself and/or your family at a church activity or pictures that tell a story of the past, please share those memories and what makes STM so special.

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



Allied Women's Center 15th Annual Gala

October 18, 2024

Norris Conference Center
618 N.W. Loop 410, Suite 207



Julia Holcomb
Keynote Speaker

Check-In 6-7 pm
Dinner & Program 7-9 pm
Attire: Business or Business Casual
Attendance and the Delicious Dinner are free.
Donations requested.

Advance registration is required.
Deadline October 15th
Table Sponsorships are available.

For more information and to reserve your seats, call Tere Haring, 210-224-7077, or go to: www.alliedwomenscenter.com

OCTOBERFEST

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH



October 13, 2024 | 11AM - 10 PM

1114 Willow St, San Antonio, TX 78208

\$5 entry fee after 5PM

Beer . Food . Music. Games

Bring your own lawn chair.
No outside food or drinks allowed

IF PEOPLE TOOK AS MUCH CARE WITH THEIR MARRIAGES AS THEY DO WITH THEIR WEDDINGS, MORE MARRIAGES WOULD LAST A LIFETIME!



BUT THAT'S NO FUN!

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Healing Holidays Making your Grief Count



Grief during the Holidays is always challenging. The holiday season renews memories, family ties, and traditions. We become painfully aware that our loved one is no longer present, and the pain of the loss is confused with the spirit of the season making it difficult for families to navigate.

We live with an added layer of collective grief and vulnerability. Learning to navigate a changing world combined with the sorrow of our loss causes us to grieve on many levels.

How do we allow ourselves in these difficult times, to "make our grief count" and find our grounding?

This workshop will help identify internal and external resources that contribute to self-compassion and enhance resiliency. It will help families embrace their grief while strengthening characteristics of resilience.

Participants will use the holidays to discover how their loved one can live on into their life story, using this special time to continue to heal.

When: Wednesday, October 9, 2024
Time: 10:00 - 11:30 am
Where: St Thomas More Catholic Church (Rector's Meeting Room)
Cost: \$0. - no charge
Presenter: Porter Loring Bereavement Minister

Please RSVP:
Church Office (210) 655-5070

Question: *I read in the catechism that marriage is indissoluble. Why then does the Church issue annulments?*

Answer: *Sacramental marriage is indeed indissoluble.*

You can find this in several places in the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Indissolubility is foundational to the union of marriage (CCC 1646) and required by spousal love (CCC 1644).

This quality of marriage draws its meaning from the fidelity of Jesus to his Bride, the Church (CCC 1647).

Spouses give themselves forever to each other. Through the vows and their consummation, the spouses form a covenantal bond that binds them as one. Indissolubility presumes and depends on this sacramental bond between the spouses.

Sometimes, however, there are impediments to marriage that are overlooked, poorly understood, or unknown.

It is possible that at the time of the vows, something was either present or absent that made the consent invalid.

The ceremony itself does not bring about the sacrament. The priest is the official witness of the Church, but he is not the minister of the sacrament. The husband and wife are the ministers of the sacrament to each other. Without the full, free, and able consent of the man and the woman, no sacrament takes place. An annulment does not destroy the marriage bond. It is an acknowledgement that the sacramental bond did not form in the first place.



Pregunta: *Leí en el catecismo que el matrimonio es indisoluble. ¿Por qué, entonces, la Iglesia emite anulaciones?*

Respuesta: *El matrimonio sacramental es, en efecto, indisoluble.*

Esto se puede encontrar en varios lugares del Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica. La indisolubilidad es fundamental para la unión matrimonial (CCC 1646) y requerida por el amor conyugal (CCC 1644).

Esta cualidad del matrimonio extrae su significado de la fidelidad de Jesús a su Esposa, la Iglesia (CCC 1647).

Los esposos se entregan para siempre el uno al otro. A través de los votos y su consumación, los cónyuges forman un vínculo de pacto que los une como uno. La indisolubilidad presupone y depende de este vínculo sacramental entre los esposos.

A veces, sin embargo, hay impedimentos para el matrimonio que se pasan por alto, se entienden mal o se desconocen.

Es posible que en el momento de los votos, algo estuviera presente o ausente que invalidara el consentimiento.

La ceremonia en sí misma no produce el sacramento. El sacerdote es el testigo oficial de la Iglesia, pero no es el ministro del sacramento. El esposo y la esposa son los ministros de la Santa Cena el uno para el otro.

Sin el consentimiento pleno, libre y capaz del hombre y de la mujer, no se lleva a cabo ningún sacramento.

La anulación no destruye el vínculo matrimonial. Es un reconocimiento de que el vínculo sacramental no se formó en primer lugar.

St. John Neumann - 2024 Women's Retreat

We read in Scripture about Jesus retiring to a quiet place to pray... needing to get away from the crowds and the noise to spend time with His heavenly father.

In our busy and hectic lives, family and work often occupy most of our time and our relationship with God suffers as a result.

A retreat is an excellent way to remove oneself from your busy life to devote your thoughts and actions to our Lord.

Take time to be still and know He is there!

You are warmly invited to join us for a transformative experience at our upcoming *Women's Retreat*, where we will gather in a spirit of reflection, renewal, and deepening our connection with God.

Take time to spend with our heavenly Father as Jesus did.

During our time together, we will engage in prayer, meditation, insightful discussions, and spiritual exercises designed to

- nurture our souls and strengthen our faith.

- This retreat offers a sacred space for us to pause from our daily routines, listen to God's voice, and support one another on our spiritual journey.

- **Theme:** *Be Still, and Know that I am God* (Psalm 46:10)

- **Dates:** 5:30 pm on Friday, October 11th through 11:00 am Mass Sunday, October 13th

- The cost for the retreat is \$200.00 (covers meals & lodging). Applications can be found in the St. John Neumann church foyer, the SJN church office and online.

- If you have any questions or require further information, Contact Ann Coldwater at (210) 912-3956.

This Week at Our Parish

Sunday, October 6, 2024
 9:00 am CDA Open House / Reception - Carolan Hall
 10:00 am KoC Corporate Mass - Church

Monday, October 7, 2024
 5:30 pm Guadalupanos Board Mtg - *Rectory Mtg Room*

Tuesday, October 8, 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 9, 2024
 10:00 am Healing Holidays Grief Workshop - *Rectory Mtg Rm*
 6:00 pm KC 3rd Degree-Officers Meeting - Carolan Hall

Thursday, October 10, 2024 -
 6:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Grp - *Church*
 6:30 pm CDA Board Mtg - *Rectory Mtg Rm-2*
 7:00 pm OCIA - *Rectory Mtg Room*

Friday, October 11, 2024
 12:00 pm Friday Adoration - *Church*
 6:00 pm Bazaar Setup / Prep - *Carolan Hall*
 7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion - *Church*

Saturday, October 12, 2024
 *** Fall Bazaar - Church Grounds ***
 6:15 pm Guadalupanos Monthly Rosary - *Church*

Sunday, October 13, 2024
 8:00 am KC Breakfast - *Cancelled*

Mass Intentions

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

Sunday, October 6, 2024
 8:00 am †Homer Jimenez by Norberto & Jeannette Pansza
 †Gilda Waters by Acosta Family
 10:00 am †Steven Lee Waldron by Mom
 †Medardo E. Morales & Evangelina G. Morales by Morales / Briseno Families

12:00 pm †Baldemar Gutierrez & Floretina Gutierrez by Isela Gutierrez

Monday, October 7, 2024
 8:00 am †Vicente Khanh by Kim Nguyen
Birthday - Rebecca McMurry by Rosa Saldiva

Tuesday, October 8, 2024
 8:00 am **Thanksgiving for Vicente Nghiep**
 †Olivia Lopez by Kim Nguyen
 by Parents

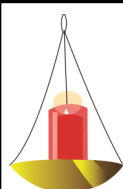
Wednesday, October 9, 2024
 8:00 am †Varso Sanchez by Alfredo & Irma Sanchez
 †Soveida Maldonado Martinez by Maldonado/Martinez Family

Thursday, October 10, 2024
 8:00 am †Souls in Purgatory by Kim Nguyen
All Ordained Clergy and Religious

Friday, October 11, 2024
 8:00 am **Health & Healing - Richard Willingham**
 by Marge Murray

Saturday, October 12, 2024
 8:00 am **Health - Deacon Rolando**
 5:00 pm †Deceased Members of the Castro Family

Sunday, October 13, 2024
 8:00 am †James Flores by Brothers & Sisters
 †Anna Biemer by Richard & Dorothy Perez
 10:00 am †Pillar Aguillon by Family
 †Salome H. Briseno & Carolina B. Briseno by Morales / Briseno Families
 12:00 pm †Kathryn Marie Sweet by Maria T. Sweet
STM Parishioners - Both Living and Deceased



Sanctuary Light Intention:
Health - Deacon Rolando Guerra

Lecturas de la Semana del 7 - 13 Oct

Lunes: Gal 1:6-12; Sal 110:1-2,7-10;
 Lc 10:25-37

Martes: Gal 1:13-24; Sal 138:1-3,13-15;
 Lc 10:38-42

Miércoles: Gal 2:1-2,7-14; Sal 116:1,2; Lc 11:1-4

Jueves: Gal 3:1-5; Lc 1:69-70-75; Lc 11:5-13

Viernes: Gal 3:7-14; Sal 110:1-6; Lc 11:15-26

Sábado: Gal 3:22-29; Sal 104:2-7; Lc 11:27-28

Domingo: Sab 7:7-11; Sal 89:12-17; Heb 4:12-13;
 Mc 10:17-30

Readings for the week of Oct 7 - 13

Monday: Gal 1:6-12; Ps 111:1-2,7-10;
 Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24; Ps 139:1b-3,13-15;
 Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2,7-14; Ps 117:1,2; Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Gal 3:1-5; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Gal 3:7-14; Ps 111:1b-6; Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Gal 3:22-29; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 11:27-28

Sunday: Wis 7:7-11; Ps 90:12-17; Heb 4:12-13;
 Mk 10:17-30



Saturday, October 12, 2024

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, October 12, 2024
 5:00 pm **Altar Servers - Volunteers**
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, M.Fisher, T.Garza,
 R.Saldiva, R.Alvarado
Lector - R.Alvarado

Sunday, October 13, 2024
 8 am **Altar Servers -** Mem.Planchon, Max.Planchon
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, M.Aguirre, P.Klar,
 R.Castaneda, Y.Cione
Lector - S.Castaneda

10 am **Altar Servers -** B.Pereida, C.Lawson, M.Pereida
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Jim, Sr.Eucharía, A.Fuentes,
 L.Gifford, D.Bernal, J+And.Perez
Lector - J.Cantu

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



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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Knights of Columbus Council # 7388
meets 2nd Monday of each month
at 7:00 p.m.
For more information call
Rick Brittain at 210-334-7017

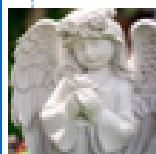
Catholic Daughters of America #2683



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

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

St. Thomas More Guadalupano 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
Will Torres at 210-620-2745

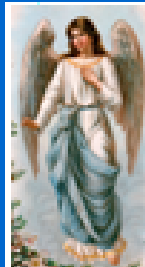
Archdiocese of San Antonio Procedures for Reporting Abuse

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.

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

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



In Loving Memory of
Medardo E. Morales &
Evangelina G. Morales
on behalf of
The Morales &
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of
Santiago G. Garcia Sr.
on behalf of
The Garcia Family

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