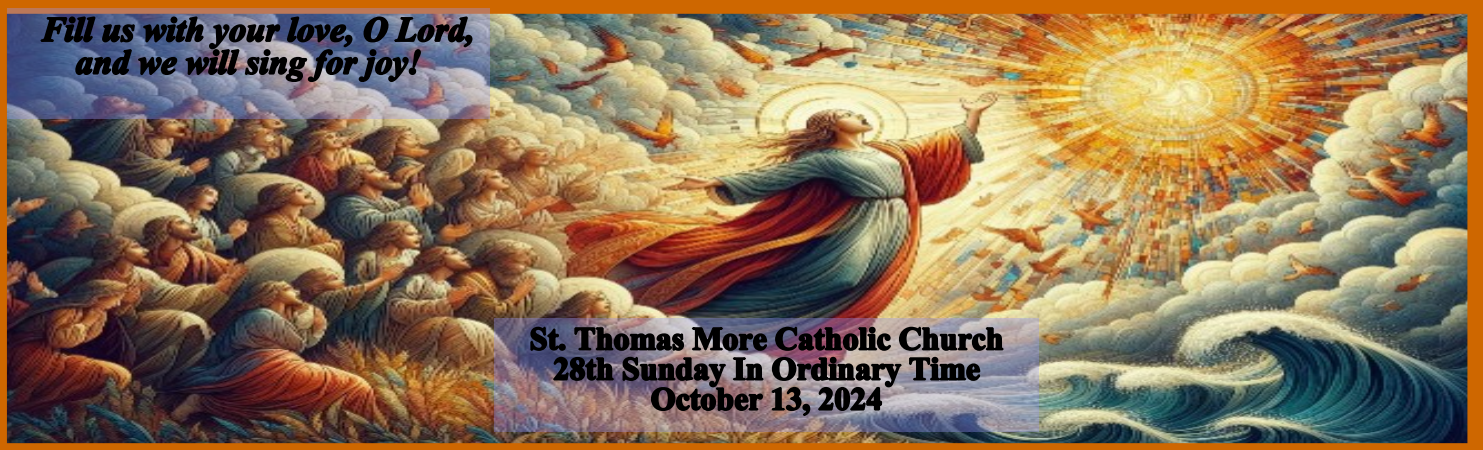


*Fill us with your love, O Lord,  
and we will sing for joy!*



**St. Thomas More Catholic Church  
28th Sunday In Ordinary Time  
October 13, 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**

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)  
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Please call the Rectory for more information.

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Monday-Friday  
8:30 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.  
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1:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

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**Gospel Meditation:**

This week we hear of the man who inquires of Jesus how to obtain eternal life. He rejects Jesus' invitation to sell his goods, give to the poor, and follow Jesus. Mark tells us this devastatingly sad line, "At this saying, his countenance fell and he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions" (Mark 10:22). The man's heart wasn't centered on Jesus, but on his possessions. Perhaps Jesus intuited this. Now, we don't know if Jesus intended to actually make him go through with it, like God's call to test Abraham's willingness to sacrifice Isaac. But sadly, in this case the willingness was not there to entrust everything to Jesus. And this made the man deeply sad.

For most of us, the literal dispossessing of our goods is not our call. But as Christians, a consistent renouncing of them is. This week, especially if you're noticing a persisting sadness, I invite you to hear Jesus calling you to acknowledge that none of your possessions are finally yours. They are God's and on loan to you. We get so addicted to that stuffy and sad word, "mine." At Mass, we rehearse this attitude of joyful detachment by giving bread, wine, and money to the Lord, as if to say, "Lord, all I have is yours." And what we get back is a sadness-defeating joy beyond all description: knowing that He is ours, and we are His.

What possessions are pre-occupying you at the moment? Write them down. Intentionally offer them to the Lord at the next Mass you attend.

— Father John Muir

**Meditación del Evangelio:**

Esta semana escuchamos del hombre que le pregunta a Jesús cómo obtener la vida eterna. Rechaza la invitación de Jesús de vender sus bienes, dar a los pobres y seguir a Jesús. Marcos nos cuenta esta frase devastadoramente triste: "Al oír estas palabras, su semblante se entristeció y se fue triste; porque tenía muchas posesiones" (Marcos 10:22). El corazón del hombre no estaba centrado en Jesús, sino en sus posesiones. Tal vez Jesús lo intuyó. Ahora, no sabemos si Jesús realmente tenía la intención de hacer que él lo hiciera, como el llamado de Dios para probar la voluntad de Abraham de sacrificar a Isaac. Pero, lamentablemente, en este caso no había voluntad de confiarle todo a Jesús. Y esto entristeció profundamente al hombre.

Para la mayoría de nosotros, el despojo literal de nuestros bienes no es nuestro llamado. Pero como cristianos, una renuncia constante a ellos sí lo es. Esta semana, especialmente si estás notando una tristeza persistente, te invito a escuchar a Jesús llamándote a reconocer que ninguna de tus posesiones es finalmente tuya. Son de Dios y te los han prestado. Nos volvemos tan adictos a esa palabra sofocante y triste, "mío". En la Misa, ensayamos esta actitud de alegre desapego dando pan, vino y dinero al Señor, como si dijéramos: "Señor, todo lo que tengo es tuyo". Y lo que obtenemos a cambio es un gozo que derrota la tristeza más allá de toda descripción: saber que Él es nuestro y nosotros somos Suyos.

¿Qué posesiones te preocupan en este momento? Escríbelos. Ofrécelos intencionalmente al Señor en la próxima Misa a la que asistas.

— Father John Muir

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**October 6, 2024**

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**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 NEXT Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> during the Noon Mass. Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller will be our main celebrant.

Following the liturgy there will have 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](mailto:becki.lacayo@gmail.com) to help or for more information.



Julia Holcomb  
Keynote Speaker

### Allied Women's Center 15th Annual Gala

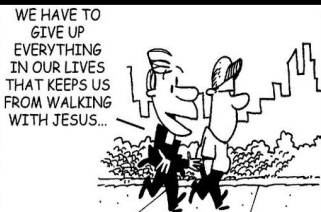
October 18, 2024

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If you are passionate about promoting a culture of formation among the laity, your influence will be significant. This team member will work towards achieving the Institute's mission of providing integral, well-rounded pastoral formation to the laity, while calling forth the gifts of lay women and men and accompanying them on their journey.

Contact MACC for more information (210) 732-2156

**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.*

If interested, contact Elizabeth Licon at: (575) 202-1827



**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.*

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St. Vincent de Paul Needs Your Help



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

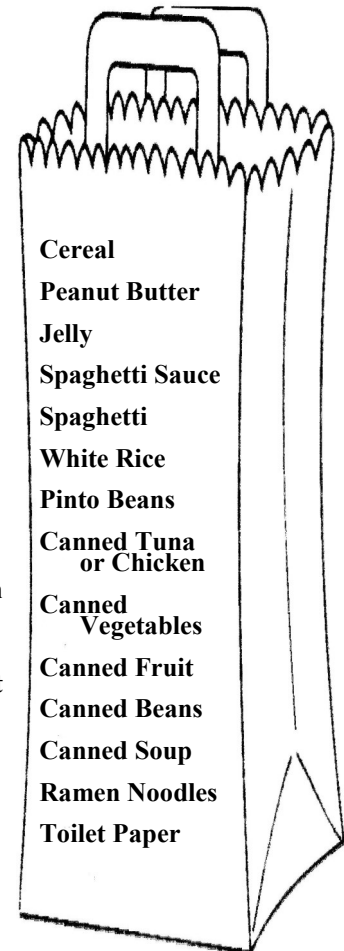
By purchasing a few extra food items each week, you can make a difference in the lives of those who need help!

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.

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The average cost to educate a child in a Catholic school is \$7,000 per year.

We, at STM, charge a tuition of \$4,800 (*K-8th*) and \$5,050 (*Pre-K3/Pre-K4*).

While we educate children from a variety of backgrounds, many families share a common denominator... lower income.

Many of our parents work 2 or 3 jobs to finance tuition... but half of our students still need financial aid.

We need your help so that we can continue to provide a Catholic Education to our families!

STM families, parishioners, alumni, and friends have been invaluable in helping families touched by difficulties by making contributions to the Guardian Angel and/or Sponsor-a-Knight programs. What better way than to provide for our own!

Please consider making a **TAX DEDUCTIBLE** donation to our *Guardian Angel* or *Sponsor-a-Knight* programs.

Contact the School Office (210) 655-2882 for more information.



**Our Parish's 60th Anniversary!!!**

*Come one... Come all...*

Celebrate our diverse culture with a special **Bi-lingual Mass NEXT SUNDAY, October 20<sup>th</sup>**.

Archbishop Gustavo will lead us in this special celebration.

*Hope to see you there!!*

Our Church's Anniversary



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*"Be the change you wish to see in the world and light up the darkness."*

**This Week at Our Parish**

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

**Monday, October 14, 2024**  
6:00 pm KC 3rd Degree Council Mtg - *Carolán Hall*

**Tuesday, October 15, 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*  
CDA General Mtg - *Carolán Hall*

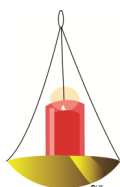
**Wednesday, October 16, 2024**

**Thursday, October 17, 2024** -  
6:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Grp - *Church*  
7:00 pm OCIA - *Rectory Mtg Room*

**Friday, October 18, 2024**  
12:00 pm Friday Adoration - *Church*  
6:30 pm Coro Alegria Guitar Practice - *Rectory Mtg Room*  
7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion - *Church*

**Saturday, October 19, 2024**  
9:00 am Parish Anniversary Setup - *Carolán Hall*  
3:30 pm Cenaculo de la Divina Misericordia - *RMT*

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



**Sanctuary Light Intention:**  
*Health - Deacon Rolando Guerra*

**Lecturas de la Semana del 14 - 20 Oct**

**Lunes:** Gal 4:22-24,26-27,31-5:1; Sal 112:1-7;  
Lc 11:29-32

**Martes:** Gal 5:1-6; Sal 118:41,43-45,47,48;  
Lc 11:37-41

**Miércoles:** Gal 5:18-25; Sal 1:1-3,6; Lc 11:42-46

**Jueves:** Ef 1:1-10; Sal 97:1,2-6; Lc 11:47-54

**Viernes:** 2Tim 4:10-17; Sal 144:10-13,17-18;  
Lc 10:1-9

**Sábado:** Ef 1:15-23; Sal 8:2-7; Lc 12:8-12

**Domingo:** Is 53:10-11; Sal 32:4-5,18-20,22;  
Heb 4:14-16; Mc 10:35-45

**Readings for the week of Oct 14 - 20**

**Monday:** Gal 4:22-24,26-27,31-5:1; Ps 113:1-7;  
Lk 11:29-32

**Tuesday:** Gal 5:1-6; Ps 119:41,43-45,47,48;  
Lk 11:37-41

**Wednesday:** Gal 5:18-25; Ps 1:1-3,6; Lk 11:42-46

**Thursday:** Eph 1:1-10; Ps 98:1,2-6; Lk 11:47-54

**Friday:** 2Tim 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13,17-18;  
Lk 10:1-9

**Saturday:** Eph 1:15-23; Ps 8:2-7; Lk 12:8-12

**Sunday:** Is 53:10-11; Ps 33:4-5,18-20,22;  
Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, October 12, 2024**  
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**

**Monday, October 14, 2024**  
8:00 am **In Thanksgiving** by Kim Nguyen

**Tuesday, October 15, 2024**  
8:00 am †Clemencia Sanchez by Alfredo & Irma Sanchez  
†Joseph Acosta by Acosta Family

**Wednesday, October 16, 2024**  
8:00 am †Michael McDonald by the Trimmis

**Thursday, October 17, 2024**  
8:00 am †Rafael Garza by Theresa Garza  
**All Ordained Clergy and Religious**

**Friday, October 18, 2024**  
8:00 am **Birthday - Josie Saldiva** by Rosa Saldiva

**Saturday, October 19, 2024**  
8:00 am †Maria Ha by Kim Nguyen  
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

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**Liturgical Roles**

**Saturday, October 19, 2024**  
5:00 pm **Altar Servers - Volunteers**  
**Eucharistic Ministers -** Dcn Jim, T.Garza, M.Fisher,  
E.Guerrero, C.Lang  
**Lector -** M.Fisher

**Sunday, October 20, 2024**  
8 am **Altar Servers -** Mem.Planchon, Max.Planchon  
**Eucharistic Ministers -** Dcn Tim, E.Garcia, R.Saldiva,  
M.Nguyen, R.Davila  
**Lector -** Y.Cione

10 am **Altar Servers -** A.Mata, A.Hartsfield, C.Hartsfield  
**Eucharistic Ministers -** Dcn Tim, J+And.Perez, V.Smith,  
H.Rodriguez, N.Rodriguez, Ali.Perez  
**Lector -** Ali.Perez

12 pm **Altar Servers -** S.Obregon, A.Gomez, A.Llanas  
**Eucharistic Ministers -** Dcn Rolando / Dcn Jim,  
C.Hernandez, D+F.Malacara, R.Gomez  
**Lector -** I.Hernandez / L.Trimm



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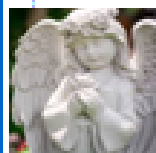
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Monthly Meeting:  
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The Fred Lansing  
Families

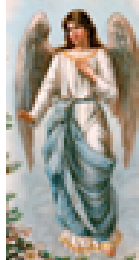


IN LOVING MEMORY  
OF REX A. BRIEN  
&  
MR. & MRS.  
HILDO CASTELLON

**PRAY FOR THE 3 MOST  
FORGOTTEN SOULS IN  
PURGATORY**



In Loving Memory  
of Joe Canales  
On behalf of  
The Canales Family  
Love Always



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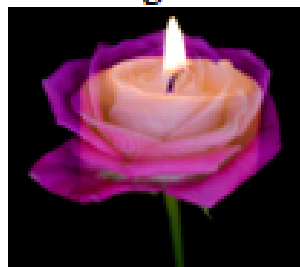
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on behalf of  
The Sprague Family



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The Family

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