

*"This is the bread
that came down from
heaven,... Whoever
eats this bread will
live forever."
-John 6:58*

**St. Thomas More
Catholic Church
20th Sunday
In Ordinary Time
August 18, 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. 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
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Cesar Paez & Vicky Smith.

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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 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

HOME OF THE KNIGHTS

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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.

CONTACT US

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Gospel Meditation:

A priest I know was asked by a door-to-door evangelist, "Do you believe in Jesus?" He answered, "Yes, I do. But if I may ask you," he continued, "Where do you experience Jesus' body and blood?" His interlocutor responded somewhat confusedly, "I don't. I just believe in him. That's all that is needed." Later my priest friend would relate to me, "The more I thought about it, that response struck me as totally inadequate. As human beings, we need to encounter Jesus' body and blood, not just hear about him and mentally believe. Otherwise, Jesus is just a ghost."

This week we see this central point as we arrive at the climactic moment of Jesus' teaching on the Eucharist. Jesus has established the importance of believing in him as the "bread of life come down from heaven." Belief deeply matters because it leads to a real, bodily encounter with Jesus through eating and drinking. That's why Jesus emphasizes to an almost outrageous degree the non-metaphorical necessity to "eat my flesh and drink my blood" (John 6:54). The real presence of Jesus' body and blood — he himself, truly, really, substantially — has been the Church's treasure since Holy Thursday. Internal belief in the heart and the ritual act of eating and drinking the Eucharist, the Church has stubbornly insisted on both, not just one or the other.

This is not meant to criticize non-Catholic Christians who deeply trust and love Jesus, nor is it a triumphal elitist claim about the Catholic Mass. Rather it is a humble, trusting acknowledgement that God in Jesus comes to us in a way most proper to human beings: in our hearts and our bodies, faith and the Eucharist.

— Father John Muir

Meditación del Evangelio:

A un sacerdote que conozco un evangelista de puerta en puerta le preguntó: "¿Crees en Jesús?" Él respondió: "Sí, lo hago. Pero si me permites preguntarte —continuó—, ¿dónde experimentas el cuerpo y la sangre de Jesús? Su interlocutor respondió algo confuso: "No lo hago. Simplemente creo en él. Eso es todo lo que se necesita". Más tarde, mi amigo sacerdote me contaría: "Cuanto más lo pensaba, esa respuesta me parecía totalmente inadecuada. Como seres humanos, necesitamos encontrarnos con el cuerpo y la sangre de Jesús, no solo escuchar acerca de él y creer mentalmente. De lo contrario, Jesús es solo un fantasma".

Esta semana vemos este punto central al llegar al momento culminante de la enseñanza de Jesús sobre la Eucaristía. Jesús ha establecido la importancia de creer en él como el "pan de vida bajado del cielo".

La creencia es profundamente importante porque conduce a un encuentro real y corporal con Jesús a través de comer y beber. Es por eso que Jesús enfatiza hasta un grado casi escandaloso la necesidad no metafórica de "comer mi carne y beber mi sangre" (Juan 6:54). La presencia real del cuerpo y de la sangre de Jesús — él mismo, verdaderamente, realmente, sustancialmente— ha sido el tesoro de la Iglesia desde el Jueves Santo. La creencia interna en el corazón y en el acto ritual de comer y beber la Eucaristía, la Iglesia ha insistido obstinadamente en ambos, no sólo en uno u otro.

Esto no pretende criticar a los cristianos no católicos que confían profundamente en Jesús y aman a Jesús, ni es una afirmación elitista triunfal sobre la Misa católica, sino más bien un reconocimiento humilde y confiado de que Dios en Jesús viene a nosotros de la manera más propia de los seres humanos: en nuestros corazones y nuestros cuerpos, en la fe y en la Eucaristía.

— Father John Muir

YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

August 11, 2024

Sunday Collection	\$ 6,083.44
Vigil Candles.....	\$ 138.18
Facilities Improvement.....	\$ 172.00
STM School.....	\$ 22.00
Donations.....	\$ 200.00
Mission Collection (MCP).....	\$ 1,672.69

Second Collection August 24 - 25:

No Second Collection Next Week



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:
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Register online at lovestrongmarriage.com

Question: If God knows everything we do, why do we need to go to Confession?

Answer: Another term for the Sacrament of Confession is the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We go to this sacrament not only to confess our sins, but to be reconciled with God.

Of course, this begs the question, “*If I can pray to God on my own, why can’t I be reconciled to God on my own?*” In the seven sacraments, we recognize the importance of community. Sacraments like baptism or matrimony happen in the context of the wider church to remind us of the communal impact of our lives. We are not alone in our walk of faith!

We don’t need to confess our sins in front of the whole community – thank God! But going to the Sacrament of Reconciliation is a tangible reminder that our sins affect not only ourselves and our relationship with God, but others as well.

Jesus gave his Apostles authority to forgive sins in his name. Through this sacrament, we are really, truly forgiven by God Himself.

We receive an outpouring of grace and strength to sin no more and our relationship with Christ and His Body, the Church, are restored.

SPONSOR-a-KNIGHT

The average cost to educate a child in a Catholic school is \$7,000 per year. We, at STM, charge a tuition of \$4,600.

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 assist 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.



Saturday, October 12, 2024

9am-5pm

You are invited to participate as a seller/vendor in the Community wide Fall Bazaar! The holidays are fast approaching! Do you need a little extra holiday cash? Well, here is your opportunity and, in the process, show off some special items you have handmade or objects you have collected over the years. Pass on the word and invite friends and family too! There will be food and drinks for purchase, First Aid Station, BINGO in the Hall and Raffle too!

Items of interest are: *Antiques and Furniture
*Household items *Tools **of all kinds** * Automotive items * Gardening supplies * Handmade wooden toys * Baby/toddler items * Arts and crafts **of all kinds** *Jewelry * Sports equipment * Fresh honey
*Books, records, games * Camping & RV supplies/gear * Preserved/pickled food * Clean clothing/coats *Rosaries, religious items * Home-made soaps, incense, tinctures, balms, lotions

This IS NOT a trash to treasure!

All items need to be clean and in mint/near mint condition please...Cost to vendors:

* 10x10 space = \$45 * 20x20 space = \$70 * Long table = \$10/each or bring own chairs \$5/each or bring own *\$20 non-refundable deposit

City permit fee is covered by church license

Vendor set-up begins as at 6am and doors open at 9am with doors closing at 5pm

Contact the following for registration, fee payments, questions, or further information Vicky Smith, Pastoral Council Allison Fuentes, Pastoral Council 210/724-4994 OR 210/601-174

Sempergumby55@gmail.com

ar.fuentes1988@gmail.com

Deadline for registration is September 1st!

Only 150 spaces available! Reserve now with a \$20 non-refundable deposit!

“The Big Print Giveth...

The Small Print Taketh Away” -

Bishop Fulton Sheen



Registration for our Religious Education Classes Begins Soon!!

Registration will continue through August 30, 2024
in the parish office,
Monday-Friday 9am to 3pm.

Classes Begin as follows:

- English – September 8th
- Spanish – September 14th
- Confirmation – September 22nd

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

Note: Masks in the classroom will be optional

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

La inscripción 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^{de} septiembre
- Español – 14^{de} septiembre
- Confirmación – 22^{de} 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.



Our Catholic Daughters
are sponsoring a

***Haven for Hope
Children's Clothing Drive***

- The Haven for Hope needs clothing for the 300 children in their care, that live on the streets... aging from 10 days to 17 years.
- There is a special need for NEW undergarments and socks. Diapers are needed as well.
- We are asking people to reach out to family and friends for New and/or gently used / clean clothing in all sizes.
- There is a box in the back of the church to drop off your donations... through August 25th.
- Thank you for your support and generosity.

God Bless-



Our Church's Anniversary



Aniversario de la Parroquia STM

¡Cumplimos 60 años!
Estamos buscando algunos organizadores de fiestas para ayudar a organizar nuestro fiesta de aniversario, el 20 de octubre de 2024

Contacto con Becki Lacayo en beckilacayo@gmail.com para obtener más información.

STM Parish Anniversary

We are turning 60 years old!
We are looking for some party planners to help organize our anniversary party,
October 20, 2024
Contact Becki Lacayo at becki.lacayo@gmail.com to help or for more information.



This Week at Our Parish

Sunday, August 18, 2024
 8:00 am Guadalupanos Mass / Mtg - Church / Carolan Hall
 12:00 pm Movimiento Familiar Cristiano Catolico - Church

Monday, August 19, 2024
 6:30 pm Bazaar Committee Mtg - Carolan Hall

Tuesday, August 20, 2024
 5:30 pm Divine Mercy - *Cancelled 'till September 3rd*
 6:30 pm Coro Alegria Choir Practice - Rectory Mtg Room
 7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion Choir Practice - Church
 CDA General Mtg - Carolan Hall

Wednesday, August 21, 2024
 7:00 pm Pastoral Council Mtg- Carolan Hall

Thursday, August 22, 2024 -
 6:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Grp - Church

Friday, August 23, 2024
 9:00 am Friday Adoration - Church
 7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion - Church

Saturday, August 24, 2024
 *** Grupo de Oracion Chicharrones Sale - After All Masses ***

Sunday, August 25, 2024
 10:00 am CDA Mass - Church

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 17, 2024
 8:00 am †Theresa Hoi by Kim Nguyen
 †Mary Reuben Tamez by Rosa Saldiva
 5:00 pm †Michael McDonald by the Trimm
Special Intention for Luis Mendez by Mendez Family

Sunday, August 18, 2024
 8:00 am †Ralph W. Garcia by Elda T. Garcia
 †Pillar Aguillon by Family
 10:00 am †Sonia Hernandez by Family
STM Parishioners - Both Living and †Deceased
 12:00 pm †Kathryn Marie Sweet by Maria T. Sweet
 †Miguel Jardon Garcia by Jardon Quevedo Family

Monday, August 19, 2024
 8:00 am †Josie Richter by Daughter
In Thanksgiving by Kim Nguyen

Tuesday, August 20, 2024
 8:00 am †Emilio Literio by Sylvia Roman & Family
 †Cecilia Gadot by Rosa Saldiva

Wednesday, August 21, 2024
 8:00 am †Felipa Camarillo by Rosa Saldiva

Thursday, August 22, 2024
 8:00 am †Richard Pansza by Norberto & Janette Pansza
 †Michael McDonald by The Trimm
All Ordained Clergy and Religious

Friday, August 23, 2024
 8:00 am **Special Intention for the Faculty, Staff and Students of STM School**

Saturday, August 24, 2024
 8:00 am **Special Intention for Margie Willingham** by Margie Murray
 5:00 pm **Birthday - Richard Perez** by Dorothy Perez
STM Parishioners - Both Living and †Deceased

Sunday, August 25, 2024
 8:00 am †Esperanza Fernandez by Boudreaux / Perez Family
 †Felipa Camarillo by Guadalupanos
 10:00 am †Joe & Adelfa Ramirez by Edward Ramirez
 †M/M Edward Richter by Daughter
 12:00 pm †Beatriz Gonzalez Hernandez by Family
Special Intention for Luis Mendez by Mendez Family



Sanctuary Light Intention:
Steven Lee Waldron

Lecturas de la Semana del 19 - 25 Aug

Lunes: Ez 24:15-24; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 19:16-22
Martes: Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28,30,35-36;
 Mt 19:23-30
Miércoles: Ez 34:1-11; Sal 22:1-6; Mt 20:1-16
Jueves: Ez 36:23-28; Sal 39:5,7-10; Mt 22:1-14
Viernes: Ez 37:1-14; Sal 106:2-9; Mt 22:34-40
Sábado: Ap 21:9-14; Sal 144:10-13,17-18;
 Jn 1:45-51
Domingo: Jos 24:1-2,15-18; Sal 33:2-3,16-23;
 Ef 5:21-32; Jn 6:60-69

Readings for the week of Aug 19 - 25

Monday: Ez 24:15-23; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28,30,35-36;
 Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Ez 36:23-28; Ps 40:5,7-10; Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-9; Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13,17-18;
 Jn 1:45-51
Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a,15-118b; Ps 34:2-3,16-23;
 Eph 5:21-32; Jn 6:60-69



Liturgical Roles

Saturday, August 24, 2024
 5:00 pm **Altar Servers** - Volunteers
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, R.Alvarado, M.Fisher,
 E.Guerrero, T.Garza
Lector - M.Fisher

Sunday, August 25, 2024
 8 am **Altar Servers** - Volunteers
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, M.Aguirre, S.Trimm,
 R.Castaneda, M.Nguyen
Lector - S.Trimm

10 am **Altar Servers** - A.Mata, A.McCaffery, B.Pereida
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, CDA
Lector - CDA

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



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 For more information call
 Rick Briseno at 210-634-7017

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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

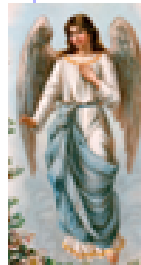


IN LOVING MEMORY
 OF REX A. BRIEN
 &
 MR. & MRS.
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PRAY FOR THE 3 MOST
 FORGOTTEN SOULS IN
 PURGATORY

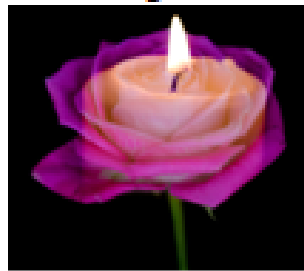


In Loving Memory
 of Joe Canales
 On behalf of
 The Canales Family
 Love Always



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

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



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



In Loving Memory
 Of
 Florencio Baiza,
 Louise Baiza Garza,
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 &
 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 Gandelupanes 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

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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
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